

Historical Preservation Commission

Wednesday August 4, 2021 Regular Meeting:

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order at City Hall on August 4, 2021 at 9:03 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Keith-Gray, Jim Wilson, Dietrik Vanderhill, William Dendinger

Absent: Monica Iverson, Ed Gerrish, Cyndy Chaney

Staff Present: John Prescott, City Manager; Stone Conley, City Management Assistant; Jose Dominguez, City Engineer; Kalin Knief, Building Official

Adoption of the Agenda

Vanderhill moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dendinger, unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3a. Dendinger moved that minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting be adopted, seconded by Wilson, unanimously approved.

4. Visitors to be Heard

4a. Kalin Knief, the City of Vermillion's new Building Official was introduced to the commission. Jim Goblirsch, the Parks and Recreation department head visited the HPC today to discuss different renovations, projects, and events happening at Prentis Park. The arch has been completely rebuilt and is finished. The band shell will begin renovations in the near future. The stone-wall on Main Street is needing renovation, a local resource drive may occur for the rock and brick. Renovations are budgeted in the 2022 Budget, the end cost is unknown at this time. Lastly, the shelter near Clark Street may need renovations or a complete new shelter overall. The HPC may seek a Deadwood Grant for the funding for this project. Legislators may be sought out by the Commission to assist in the process. Jim is also looking to increase the activities at Prentis Park. They are also looking for any historic photos of the park throughout its years, community members are encouraged to contact Parks and Recreation if they can provide this. 2023 is the 100 year anniversary of Prentis Park, Keith-Gray stated she will touch base with the Vermillion Chamber & Development Company and reach out to Nate Welch.

5. Old Business

5a. The Bob Yapp presentation was deemed a success by the commission, Keith-Gray discussed the possibility of future events due to the turnout of this one. Dendinger would like to follow up with historic groups that Bob Yapp recommended. Wilson believes the crowd was great at the event, and believes another similar styled event would be successful. Would like to see a possible masonry or stonemason presentation. Keith-Gray stated that more tradespeople in Vermillion would be beneficial, and would possibly like to create a grant for community members to attend conferences or workshops. She proposes the HPC create a new event as well.

5b. Keith-Gray asked if the Ordinance should be changed to allow commission members to not necessarily own in historic districts, but properties overall. Keith-Gray wants to see if "District" could change to "Own a Historic Property" in the Ordinance. A discussion will continue with this process. City Staff are currently researching and drafting the Ordinance.

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6. New Business

6a. City Staff were able to assist in extending the 2020-21 South Dakota State Historical Society grant to August 10, 2021. As of today match hours will be entered, and one remaining proof of payment is the last step for finishing up this grant. Going forward the HPC will report monthly their hours of work to be logged by City Staff.

6b. The University of South Dakota would like to have a historic district located on their campus. Keith-Gray opened discussion, would like to know a direct contact at USD for this. Dominguez would like it to be known that USD does not have to notify the city of construction, and are of the state through the board of regents. Keith-Gray is concerned that the University may be limited in the actions they can take. The Commission believes it is possible and will move forward in assisting this process.

6c. An application marking the First Congregational Church as a historic building was approved. The church is now registered on the National Historic Register. The commission will send out a congratulatory email.

6d. Keith-Gray would like to include Kalin on the process of sending letters. The HPC will send their concerns or alterations to Kalin for him to format in a letter. They would like the owners to understand what the HPC's response was and the alterations needed.

Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Vanderhill. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

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