

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission

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Minutes GFHPC Meeting City Hall A101 March 10, 2020

Commissioners present: Chuck Flemmer, Jessa Novak, Doug Munski, Sandy Slater, Nicole Derenne

Commissioners absent: Bill Caraher, Gordon Iseminger, Brian Carlson, Judy Swisher, Cory Lien

Call to order: Chuck Flemmer called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Without a quorum members will meet as a COW. At next meeting or via email, the Commission will vote to approve the actions of the COW.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of February 11, 2020 (moved Munski, seconded Novak)

2. RRVCA - Section 106 Review

- i. 1511 9th Ave N.: Not in historic district. **Motion:** No Historic Properties Affected. Request to keep the six over one window configuration. Moved Slater Second Novak. **Motion carries**
- ii. 1605 N. 5th St: Not in historic district. **Motion:** No Historic Properties Affected. Moved Munski Second Slater. **Motion carries**
- iii. 1309 Cherry St: Not in historic district. **Motion:** No Historic Properties Affected. Moved Munski Second Novak. **Motion carries**
- iv. 1002 Cherry St: Not in historic district. **Motion:** No Historic Properties Affected. Moved Slater Second Novak. **Motion carries**
- v. 1101 Belmont Rd: Near South Side Historic District: **Motion:** No Adverse Effect Moved Munski Second Slater. **Motion carries**
- vi. 1523 N. 4th Street. Not in historic district. **Motion:** No Historic Properties Affected. Moved Munski Second Novak. **Motion carries**

3. 2020 CLG Conference

Commissioners shared ideas for topics, venues and dates for the upcoming CLG Conference in the Fall. Possible venues included Hughes Fine Arts, Stone House, Masonic Center, and other places downtown. Ideas for topics included reports from all CLGs, reports from other offices, a keynote about monuments, UND campus update, a restoration demonstration, a tour of downtown buildings, a tour of the County Courthouse. A few dates proposed included a Friday in September or October avoiding the Potato Bowl and UND Homecoming. One possible date, September 11, would coincide with the Greenway Takeover Festival which would be a nice option for those coming from out of town and planning to stay. We also discussed inviting other regional historical societies and museums.

4. FY19 grant projects – Mid-Century Homes Windshield Survey & Transportation Inventory

RFPs were twice put out to bid with no proposals received for either of the projects. Each project is budgeted at \$5,000. The coordinator discussed the issue with SHPO to ask whether these could be done internally which is a possibility.

Commissioner Novak asked about the desired outcome for the mid-century homes project and whether it is possible to add commercial buildings and churches to that survey. However, it would change the scope of the project for which the HPC has been granted funds. Those could potentially be future projects that will continue to build our picture of the history of the City.

Motion: to reallocate the funds assigned to these two projects into the salary portion of the GFHPC budget.

Moved Munski, **seconded** Novak.

5. Chair Report – Chuck Flemmer

a. DDRB

- i. The board met on February 12 and approved exterior wall signage of the Selkirk and Edward Jones (tenant on the first floor of the building) with a discussion of how buildings were historically named.
- ii. Additionally the exterior modification of Epic Place did not meet approval. The owners were issued with a certificate of occupancy in the meantime to give them time to fix it and bring it to standard.
- iii. Approved design of the new Harry's Steakhouse.

b. DeMers Light Pillar Committee

- i. The committee met on February 20 to review the four selected proposals invited to present their light pillar designs. Badman was the successful bid. The pillars will be similar in design however specific custom designs.

6. Coordinator Report – Susan Caraher

- a. Lyons documentation update
 - i. The final photo selection for the report will be done once Janie Lyons returns to Grand Forks.
- b. Jack buildings
 - i. GFHPC has discussed the documentation project with Agatha Frisby and with SHPO to document the two buildings north of Lyons before they are demolished. Discussion with SHPO reveals alternative documentation other than a full Level 1 HABS report (due to time and budget). Agatha and I discussed splitting the project for her to undertake the sketch plans and elevations only, and for GFHPC to undertake the historic context and photography. The coordinator has reached out to a UND student familiar with documentation and skilled in photography to work with him. Budget will determine what we can accomplish. GFHPC will set up some dates with the developer.
- c. App blurbs
 - i. The coordinator has prepared blurbs for several existing and former buildings on four years of Sanborn maps for inclusion on our app.
- d. City Detention Hospital
 - i. The coordinator has done some research on the City Detention Hospital building to determine how much information might be found in order to develop a historic context.
 1. 1904, Grand Forks' council purchased a site for the City Detention Hospital on what would have been the outskirts of the neighborhoods (The Improvement Bulletin, vol. 29, Jun-Nov 1904)
 2. Architect was W.J. Edwards. Dinnie Brothers won the construction contract (The Improvement Bulletin, vol. 30, Dec 1904-May 1905)
 3. Other detention hospitals in the region include Fargo (NRHP, 1910) and Livingston, Montana (NRHP, c. 1900)
 4. Deaconess Hospital did not accept patients with infectious diseases (GFH Silver Anniversary Edition, p. 56)

7. Other Business

Mid-century schools reformatting update: complete draft requires one more thorough read through before sending to NDSHPO.

Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12 with JLG Architects and UND to look at plans for Merrifield Hall.

Dr Bill Peterson new Director of SHPO.

Motion to adjourn. **Moved** Munski, **seconded** Derenne. **Motion carries.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Next meeting: April 14, 2020