

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission  
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**Minutes**  
**GFHPC Meeting via Zoom**  
**June 9, 2020**

**Commissioners present:** Chuck Flemmer, Gordon Iseminger, Bill Caraher, Brian Carlson, Judy Swisher, Douglas Munski, Sandy Slater, Nicole Derenne

**Commissioners absent:** Jessa Novak, Cory Lien

**Call to order:** Chuck Flemmer called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: previously approved. No meeting in April or May. Coordinator provided project updates in lieu of meetings.
2. Section 106 Reviews: None for June meeting.
3. Commissioner terms
  - Four commissioners (Flemmer, Iseminger, Slater and Caraher) have terms expiring at the end of July and we are in the process of determining their interest in term renewals.
4. Repairs to grandstand – Chuck received a letter from Grand Forks County regarding the GF Fairgrounds’ grandstand. Repairs were made over the past two years but some additional minor repairs are needed. minor repairs totally about \$5k. Since there is a covenant on the grandstand there needs to be approval from the commission. Will not impact the aesthetics. Motion to approve Sandy, second by Judy. Motion carries.
5. Chair Report- Chuck Flemmer
  - DDRB – met on May 28 and approved vinyl Window signage for the gun store that was formerly Amazing Grains. The group also approved a new banner for the Hub that juts out. They also approved a change to the proposed plans for Mill

Square amending the proposal to accommodate an elevator shaft – will block more windows than originally approved. Variance requested for mural on the Rhombus Brewery which is against the City ordinance. The Commission sent a letter requesting they comply with the ordinance. The request was then voted on by Planning and Zoning and was approved. Derenne asked whether this would set a precedent moving forward. Munski asked about removable canvas banners.

## **6. Coordinator Report – Susan Caraher**

- **Project Updates**

- i. **GF Municipal Airport**

- 1. Agatha Frisby has provided a second draft of the nomination which has been shared with Gordon and Chuck for a review. It will then be sent to SHSND for the State Review Board by June 21 and back to GFHPC by the end of July for an August presentation.

- ii. **Windshield Survey of Mid-century Homes**

- 1. Bill Caraher and Susan Caraher provided an update on the status of the survey. Susan has recorded data for approximately 3600 residences. Bill has done some preliminary data analysis and shared maps highlighting the initial data such as the development of certain neighborhoods, styles and pointed out key features such as commercial zones, curved neighborhood streets and churches. The next phase of fieldwork will be to more carefully document a number of identified residences.

- iii. **Transportation Corridors Inventory**

- 1. I have accessed several prior surveys and inventories from SHSND that help to identify existing known cultural assets along the major corridors. I now also have construction dates for all buildings in the city that will help to narrow those that may warrant closer inspection.

- iv. **Jacks Buildings HABS III report**

- 1. Agatha Frisby is continuing to work on the architectural elevations. Wyatt Atcherly has provided us the medium-format photos for the

report. Research is difficult with the ongoing closure of libraries and readily available information on the buildings is scant.

**v. Thurber plaque**

1. I was contacted by Pete Haga to talk about how we can move things along to get the plaque made and installed. Chuck had gone to the Greenway committee meeting. We need to verify the text that is believed to be the final version.

7. Call to adjourn - Munski, seconded Derenne

Adjourned at 7:24 pm

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 14 July.

We will continue to monitor the COVID guidelines regarding in-person and virtual meetings.