

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission  
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**Minutes**  
**GFHPC Meeting (Zoom and in person)**  
**December 8, 2020**

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

**Call to order:** Chuck Flemmer called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes** from October 13, 2020 meeting.
  - a. Moved Iseminger, second Swisher. Motion carries.
2. **Section 106 Reviews:**
  - a. RRVCA
    - i. 3720 Cherry Street – Not in a historic district - no exterior work  
Motion: No historic properties affected. Moved Iseminger, second Derenne.  
Motion carries.
3. **Review of Roosevelt School National Register nomination proposals**
  - a. GFHPC received a bid from Prairie Centre Architecture for the nomination of the historic Roosevelt Elementary School, now Roosevelt Apartments. The bid and qualifications were discussed.
  - b. Motion to accept the bid and offer the contract to Prairie Centre Architecture. Moved Slater, second Derenne. Motion carries.
4. **Potential FY2021 grant projects**
  - a. Flemmer and S. Caraher provided quick review of projects we have proposed in the past and an update on the kinds of projects (HABS) that are not likely or typically funded. Several possible projects were proposed including:
    - i. DeRoche Apartment building (now Hampton Apartments) 1882-1897
    - ii. 1950's floodwall on the Greenway – cultural resource assessment?
    - iii. Mid-century homes in the Baukol Addition in Riverside – add to existing nomination to complete the neighborhood
    - iv. G.F. Public Library
    - v. Old Post Office at the Myra Museum
    - vi. Windshield survey of mid-century churches
    - vii. Book of lost buildings in GF along the lines of “Lost Duluth” and “Lost Minneapolis”
    - viii. Salvation Army building on University Ave.
    - ix. Grand Cities Mall

There was discussion about other types of projects including some that would help to activate the Greenway including augmented reality, styling of infrastructure in a historic theme, adding markers of sites to the app.

The coordinator will do some research and budgeting, and provide a brief write up on each for the next Commission meeting with a view to finalizing those projects we plan to include in the application due February 12.

**5. Chair Report- Chuck Flemmer**

- a. DDRB met on November 5<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed and approved an accessory building behind Half Brothers that will serve as a walk-in cooler that will be disguised with decorative wood and have a seating deck on the top. They also approved modifications to the grade outside Harry's Steakhouse that comply with accessibility standards and install a mandatory handrail that will have art deco styling.

**6. Coordinator Report – Susan Caraher**

- a. App: The Coordinator met with Ad Monkeys and Joe Greenwood for an update on the app development to include the Sanborn Maps, key buildings and augmented reality test. VR licensing - \$42/month or approximately \$500 per year. This is not within our budget right now so will not be pursued at this time. Our plan is to have the updates be ready by the time of the Conference.
- b. HABS report – Jacks Roller Rink: A draft of this report is almost complete. Big thanks to Brian for reviewing the report and making sure the architectural descriptions read ok. This has not yet been sent to NDSHPO.
- c. HABS report – Lyons – the final draft is with the NPS and we are hoping to learn of its acceptance any day.
- d. Water Treatment Plant: the original plans for the development of the site are on pause and other options are being considered. City could be asked to provide funding for the HABS/other documentation depending on what is most important.
- e. Granitoid Project Request for Kannowski Park installation. Kim Greendahl is reviewing the request and moving it through their process.

**Community member, Elizabeth Barber joined the meeting.**

**7. Other business**

- a. Donated labor forms Oct to Dec will be distributed for approval in January.
- b. Joe Budge – great-grandson of William Budge is researching his ancestor and has reached out to the Commission for any information we might be able to help him with regarding his home.
- c. Joe Aamot, owner of a 1924 house, reached out to us with some questions possible changes to their home and looking for any advice for how to best make improvements in a historic way. Do any Commissioners know of other homes of this vintage that have done a good job with
- d. CLG Conference update. NDSHPO has offered a session on how to write a National Register nomination. Dr Prescott has agreed to do a presentation on her book about Pioneer monuments.
- e. We are expecting to hear about the acceptance of the National Register nomination for the Airport by mid-Dec.
- f. Elizabeth Barber asked for the Commission to consider a program related to Victorian architecture. Munski suggested this kind of program might be a neat fit for the Entertaining History program at the Myra Museum. The two organizations could consider

some kind of collaboration. More details were requested regarding what kind of program and if there is an example of something similar done elsewhere.

Call to adjourn – Moved B. Caraher, second Derenne. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.