

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission
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Minutes
GFHPC Meeting (Zoom and in person)
March 9, 2021

Commissioners present: Chuck Flemmer, Bill Caraher, Nicole Derenne, Gordon Iseminger, Judy Swisher, Douglas Munski

Guests: Kevin Severson, RRVCA

Commissioner apologies: Jessa Novak, Cory Lien, Sandy Slater, Brian Carlson

Call to order: Chuck Flemmer called the meeting to order at 6.33 p.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes** from February 9, 2021 meeting.
 - a. Moved Iseminger, second Derenne. Motion carries.
2. **Section 106 Reviews:**
 - a. RRVCA
 - i. 1103 Sunset Drive – No Historic Properties Affected. Moved Derenne, second Swisher
 - ii. 1803 N. 4th Street – No Historic Properties Affected. Moved Iseminger, second Derenne.
3. **FY2021 CLG Conference**
 - a. Final reminder about the conference (March 29 – April 1). Everything is scheduled and marketing is underway. Registration is required and is open to the public.
4. **Chair Report- Chuck Flemmer**
 - a. Kennedy Bridge – the Committee met to discuss lighting on the bridge and there is a desire from several of the members to match the lighting with that of the Sorlie Bridge. The Chair raised the concern about messaging and maintaining the Sorlie Bridge as the one that conveys the key event or recognition message. A further question remains related to the procedure of changing a Section 106 Review that has already been completed that currently does not allow for colored

lighting on the Kennedy Bridge. The Chair will meet with NDSHPO, NDDOT and MNDOT to discuss the latter in more detail. Commissioners were asked their thoughts on the matter of lighting the bridge with colored light, and there was a mixture of opinions.

- b. Meeting with Greenway – The Chair met with the Director of the Greenway to advance the granitoid installation project. We should be able to get some assistance to move the signage from the installation near St Anne’s over to Kannowski Park. We may also be able to request their assistance to move the slab for the installation.

5. Coordinator Report – Susan Caraher

- a. The Coordinator gave a virtual presentation to the Sertoma Club which, for the most part went well. There were some technical challenges and we unfortunately lost the connection before the talk was over.
- b. Ghost signs update: Planning and Zoning is preparing to update their mural ordinance and the treatment of ghost signs is part of that proposed update. The coordinator also reached out to NDSHPO to ask if they have a position on restoring or repainting. While they don’t have an official position, their thinking was similar in terms of performing only partial restoration to maintain a vintage/historic aesthetic. They also noted that additional care should be taken due to the potential for hazardous materials in old paint. Finally, we both agreed that each request for repainting should be a case-by-case request to the Commission.
- c. Washington Street separation project: NDDOT has examined the Washington Street project and determined that it will not impact any historic buildings, including the Pest House which is near to the railway bridge.
- d. Award letter for CLG grant: GFHPC has received confirmation of the funded projects from our grant application. We were fortunate to receive funding for everything we proposed. Our next grant projects are: NR nomination for the DeRoche/Hampton apartments, Integrity Survey of the 1950s floodwall, the Addition to Riverside as well as our usual administrative and program areas. We should receive our signed agreements soon.

6. Other business:

- a. We have received a copy of the HABS report for Memorial Stadium completed by Hepper Olson Architects.
 - b. Commission Swisher noted that it will be nice when we are able to meet again in person. The Chair offered any Commissioners who would like to meet in person are welcome to come to the meeting room as there is ample space for social distancing. Zoom is always an option, however.
7. Move to adjourn at 7:50pm – Munski, Caraher second. Motion.