

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission
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Minutes
June 8, 2021

Commissioners present: Chuck Flemmer, Jessa Novak, Bill Caraher, Nicole Derenne, Douglas Munski, Cory Lien, Sandy Slater, and Gordon Iseminger.

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

1. Approval of minutes from May 11, 2021
 - a. Moved Derenne, second Munski. Motion carries.
2. Section 106 Reviews:
 - a. RRVCA
 - i. 710 S. 10th Street (not historic district). Motion: No historic properties affected. Moved Slater, second Novak. Motion carries.
 - ii. 1014 Belmont Rd (historic district). No adverse effect. Moved Munski, second Derenne. Motion carries.
 - iii. 1902 5th Ave N. (not historic district). No historic properties affected. Moved Slater, second Derenne. Motion carries.
 - iv. 130 Conklin Ave (historic district). No adverse effect. Moved Munski, second Derenne. Motion carries.
3. Nominations sought for Local History Awards – SHSND
Steve Martens was suggested as a candidate for the Heritage award for the work he had done both for our HPC and for the region. We could also ask others to write letters of support.
 - a. Motion: To nominate for the Excellence in Local History: Steve Martens. Moved Slater, second by Caraher. Motion carries.
4. Commissioner Terms: Several terms come due on August 1. Commissioners are asked to determine whether they would like to renew their term or if they plan to let it expire.

Renewals will need to go to the Mayor for approval, and we will need to recruit for any open positions.

- a. Munki – renew
- b. Derenne – renew
- c. Lien – no
- d. Novak – no
- e. Slater – renew

The coordinator will follow up with Swisher and Carlson following the meeting. Those who do not plan to continue serving should advise the coordinator by June 30 so the positions can be posted and new members can be recruited for the August meeting if possible.

5. Chair Report- Chuck Flemmer

- a. DDRB met on May 27th.
 - i. Approved a sign for Impact Nutrition which moved location. Discussion about amount of window could be a sign – 20% which was a change to the original code that stated 15%.
 - ii. Nicoa Building: There continues to be lots of maintenance issues and the owner has brought forth a new option. A fairly dramatic change was approved. The grid will change slightly: it will lose a couple of the levels of transoms, and the glass will change to an approved E-rated glass. It will be a significant change but remain green glass and it will allow the building to achieve significant improvement. The meeting spurred an invitation by the building owner to do a walk around to discuss some other potential changes including the metal roofed lean-to and the stairwell to the basement, as well as the cantilever at the front of the building. The plan will be to move the accessibility ramp to be screened and return the façade to a more original design.
 - iii. Iseminger asked about the murals and ghost signs and whether there has been any update. Still needs to go the second reading of City Council. Murals will not come to HPC but ghost signs will come to us for guidance.

- iv. 3rd Street reconstruction – found more trolley tracks and other parts. They are documenting where they find them. Also have found steam pipes stamped to 1907. These were also documented.

6. Coordinator Report – Susan Caraher

a. Midcentury windshield survey report

- i. The report is complete and a copy of the final draft was made available to the Commissioners for their information. It will now be uploaded to the State.
- ii. Slater asked about getting a print copy once the number is assigned.

b. HPC Awards

- i. Certificates have been created and the plaques are also now made.
- ii. Need to write announcement for the Mayor for the Griggs Award presentation.
- iii. We also need to find someone to engrave the name on the name plate in Council Chambers. Border States Trophy has offered to do this in the same manner as the plaques but also noted that it wouldn't be engraved and the name plate would be a different color – slightly more gold like the plaque. He mentioned there really aren't any people who do engraving anymore in town and most have gone to the new style. Alternatively, we could send the name plate away. Commissioner Lien made a recommendation and the coordinator will follow up.

c. App

- i. It's finally working! Yay!

7. Other business

- a. The State has made its recommendations to the University regarding the demolition of 35 student housing buildings. They have requested a HABS Level III for Bek, Hancock, Squires and Walsh as well as, for the other buildings, “an historic context about housing on campus and how that compared with housing in the larger community of Grand Forks”.
- b. July meeting: postponed by a week – now scheduled for July 20th

- c. Iseminger asked about the demolition of the Lyons building and asked whether something of the building will be preserved. It has been fully documented in a HABS report.
- 8. Motion to adjourn – Munski, second Derenne. Motion carries. Meeting finished at 7:28pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.