

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission
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Minutes
August 17, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm .

1. Approval of minutes from July 20, 2021
 - a. Moved Iseminger, second Swisher. Motion carries.
2. Section 106 Reviews:
 - a. Planning & Community Development
 - i. 620 8th Ave S. – rehab a 30’ x 30’ concrete slab at NW corner of building to enable safe and easy access for drop off or pick up of items (not in a historic district).
 1. Motion NHPA: Moved Slater, second Caraher.
 - ii. 930 N. 3rd St – Rehab elevator for safe operation and level front door threshold and add automatic opening front doors for accessibility (not in a historic district).
 1. Motion No adverse affect: Moved Iseminger , second Slater.
 - b. Trileaf Project # 682836
 - i. Proposed antenna collocation on existing telecom tower at 3102 Demers Ave (not in a historic district). See documents in folder.
 1. Motion NHPA: Moved Swisher , second Derenne. Motion carries.
 - c. RRVCA:
 - i. 1109 Cottonwood Street – bathroom remodel for accessibility (not in a historic district).
 1. Motion NHPA: Moved Slater, second Iseminger.

3. Chair Report- Chuck Flemmer

- a. Section 106 - NDDOT Project #: N. 4th St between DeMers Ave and 1st Ave N.
 - i. Continuation of streetscape downtown the same as what has been done on DeMers and N. 3rd St. No adverse affect was reported.
- b. St John's Block – Owners received TIF money for the rehabilitation of the building. Work will be done on the interior, but we have also been working with them and with Planning on exterior work including new windows throughout and new doors. The Coordinator met with the owner/architect, Planning staff and the window contractor to walk through the plans for rehabbing the exterior and will send a few additional photos as well as a recommendation on the main entry door according to the Secretary of the Interior Standards.
- c. Railroad Pier interpretive panels:
 - i. Interpretive panels on Greenway near the old railroad bridge. There was phrasing on one of the panels was reported as offensive. Minnesota required a change and asked also for accuracy. The Chair sent to Leah Byzewski at the Historical Society who made a number of corrections to the content on the panels.

4. Coordinator Report – Susan Caraher

- a. Certificates of Appreciation for Carnegie and the Gershman Graduate Center.
 - i. The chair and coordinator visited with personnel from UND as well as Hal & Kathy Gershman to deliver and thank them for the preservation and restoration work done on both buildings. UND also ran a story in their campus news.
- b. Applications for Commission: The chair and coordinator will interview one candidate this week. There is still availability for a Member-at-Large and another member with a legal background
- c. Q3 drawdown – the coordinator has completed the drawdown for Q3 and will send to SHPO this week.
- d. The consultant for the Roosevelt School report will have the edits completed in the next couple of weeks and GFHPC will share this with SHPO. As a reminder, it will not be added to the National Register at this time.

5. Other business:
 - a. Congratulations to Brian Carlson, Commission Architect for the Prairie Business article about LEED certified architecture.
 - b. COVID-19/Delta: While there is no State or local policy regarding masking or limiting numbers we will continue to offer our meetings via Zoom. Any commissioners who feel more comfortable attending virtually should feel free to do so.
 - c. Commissioner Iseminger asked about granitoid. The Chair is meeting with the Director of the Greenway on Thursday on site.
 - d. Ad Monkeys meeting on Thursday to discuss marketing ideas and potential funding model.
6. Motion to adjourn. Moved Munski, second Derenne. Motion carries. Meeting finished at 7:12 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.