

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission
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Minutes
July 12, 2022

Commissioners present: Chuck Flemmer, Douglas Munski, Bill Caraher, Gordon Iseminger, Emily Wros, Sandy Slater.

Guests: Rebekah Shields, Metcalf Archaeology, Todd Feland, City Administrator

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

1. Approval of minutes from June 14, 2022
 - a. Moved Iseminger, second Munski. Motion carries.
 - i. Iseminger asked for an update on two items: the Chester Fritz Auditorium and the historic context for the Detention Hospital.
 1. While it has been a challenge to find substantial information about the building, Iseminger would like to keep the nomination of the Pest House on the radar. Commissioner Caraher suggested we could ask for more information about the public health records from Bismarck. He also suggested that a historic context could be conducted on the hospitals of Grand Forks. This could potentially be a 2023 project request.
2. **Public Presentation of Nomination: Rebekah Shields**
 - a. Public Presentation: National Register Nomination of DeRoche Block/Hampton Apartments, Rebekah Shields, Metcalf Archaeology
 - b. Comments and questions from Commissioners
 - i. Iseminger – Noted that the photos were much improved from the first draft and enjoyed the social history research findings.
 - ii. S. Caraher – appreciated the deep census dive into the social history of the working class neighborhood. Curious about the residents with sublets/borders.

- iii. B. Caraher – intrigued by the intentional and somewhat aspirational design choice for an apartment building in a working class neighborhood particularly when there were few examples of Spanish Mission-style architecture.
 - iv. Slater made the following comments
 - 1. It is good to document the building as aspirational in design;
 - 2. It is a creative use of census records; and
 - 3. The report will complement the future lost neighborhood project looking at working class housing in the city.
 - v.
 - c. Vote to open public hearing. Moved Wros, second Caraher. Motion carries.
 - d. Comments and questions from public
 - i. On behalf of the City, Todd Feland agreed with the notion of it being an aspirational design and appreciated the research of the historic building and social history..
 - e. Motion to close public hearing, moved Munski, second Slater. Motion carries.
 - f. Motion: Vote by the GF Historic Preservation Commission to refer the draft nomination to State Review Board. Moved Iseminger, second Wros. Motion carries.
3. Historic GF County Fairgrounds Grandstand: Darren Evavold reached out to the Chair to discuss the need to update additional railings. Since there is a covenant on the building, any changes need the approval of the Commission.
- Motion: No Adverse Effect: Moved Slater, second Munski. Motion carries.
4. Chair Report- Chuck Flemmer
- Nicoa Building presentation: The chair and coordinator along with staff from Planning and Community Development met with Mr. Alan Netzer on June 30th. Many of them had worked closely with him over the years on this project and were happy to show their appreciation.
5. Coordinator Report – Susan Caraher
- a. Lost Building Plaques:
 - i. Three of the 4 plaques are installed. The 4th plaque is yet to be installed and will be placed on the pony wall of Town Square nearest the Bridge. The City Maintenance staff will assist with that one.

- b. Water Treatment Plant HAER report:
 - i. John Hyche, one of the two historians working on the report is in town this week to do local research. He will visit Special Collections and also visit with Water Treatment staff.
 - c. Griggs award presentation
 - i. Bill Schoen will be recognized by the Mayor at the August 1st Council meeting. All are invited.
 - d. Grand Forks Churches – Site forms
 - i. An update from the last meeting, the coordinator spoke with Lorna Meidinger at SHPO and learned that all of the Churches were studied in 1999 as the subject of a book. Lorna shared the SIT numbers and we have pulled those in the mid-century Period of Significance for later study.
 - e. Donated labor forms
 - i. The Q3 drawdown will be mailed this week so please sign or confirm by email for inclusion in the reimbursement paperwork.
6. Other business:
- a. The coordinator shared the link for the latest issue of North Dakota Preservationist
 - b. CLG Conference – online CLG updates Friday September 23rd (time to be confirmed), and in-person conference in Bismarck will include a tour of Highland Acres on Friday September 30th
 - c. Iseminger asked about the Wesley Church window and what came of it. Munski deferred to the receivers of the church's treasury.
 - d. Wros asked about the status of the app. Still waiting to confirm the MOU.
 - e. Munski – University Ave corridor group funded by the Knight Foundation would like to have members of the GFHPC attend their meeting tomorrow evening at 5:30 pm. Augustana, Salvation Army, University Lutheran. The meeting will be at University Lutheran.
 - i. Town/gown, renter/non-renter looking to do a block party.
7. Motion to adjourn – Moved Caraher, second Munski. Meeting ended at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting: August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.