

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission
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Minutes
January 10, 2023

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

Other guests: Connor Grenier, intern

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Approval of minutes from December 20, 2022
 - a. Moved Iseminger, second Slater.
 - i. Slater asked to include the name of Erik Bergerson's book, "Pirates on the Prairie" to the December minutes.
 - ii. Iseminger asked for updates on:
 1. The Grand Forks Chiefs research
 2. The status of the DeRoche Block and whether the owner has changed their mind regarding inclusion
 3. Franklin on 4th alley. Iseminger noted that the chosen name should be dignified and represent the Lyons building since it was the most unique and noteworthy on that block.
 - a. Motion carries.
 - b. Section 106 Reviews: One review was administratively approved per the new procedure in place: 2009 10th Ave N: insulate the basement walls, light bulbs, smoke and c/o alarms.
2. 2023 CLG Application – finalize application projects
 - a. Flemmer detailed the CLG application process for the benefit of the Commission to articulate the nuances of what to apply for.
 - i. Slater asked about the Lost Neighborhood/Urban Renewal and whether there would be interest in a Survey since the Context has not yet been picked

up. Commissioner Caraher noted that most firms would likely not consider a project under \$10k and that it would likely be done by an individual. The coordinator stated that the RFP for the Context would be reissued.

- b. The deadline for the application is February 17 so the final application will need to be voted on and accepted at the February 14th meeting. The narratives still need some polishing.
 - c. There are two options for the Commission to consider when making the decision on the final slate of projects. Option 1 includes a total of 8 projects estimated at approximately \$73, 000. Option 2 would remove the funding for the app and redistribute the match dollars for a total of 7 projects estimated at \$66, 000. Option 2 is a little closer to what has been funded in recent years. If the Commission would prefer to go with Option 1, the coordinator recommends ranking or articulating with the application that if not all projects can be funded, that the app marketing would be our preference to strike.
 - i. Motion to proceed with 7 projects. Moved Slater, second Swisher.
 1. Derenne: asked about the past grants and the need to eliminate a project or two.
 - ii. Motion carries.
3. Chair report: Nothing to report.
 4. Coordinator Report
 - a. RFP for Historic Context of Lost Neighborhood – no submissions. As we have done with other projects, the coordinator will put it out again and try to expand the list of recipients. Commissioners are asked to share with anyone they believe may be interested and qualified.
 - b. UND Conference Center update: the coordinator reached out to the State following with the recommendations discussed at the last meeting. Lorna Meidinger noted that since there is no Architectural Site Form associated with the building that SHPO would ask that it be completed and photos be taken including the interior. We will assist in that project in any way needed.
 - c. Drawdowns (FY21 Q5 and FY22 Q1) and donated labor forms: the coordinator is preparing two drawdowns. Q5 covers reimbursement associated with the last grant since it was extended. Q1 covers reimbursement associated with the new FY22

grant. The donated labor forms are included with the Q1 drawdown. Both drawdowns will likely be sent early next week.

- d. Old records in City Hall: a storage room is being cleaned out and several items are offered to the Commission for inspection, archiving or use. These included a number of building permit ledgers (poor condition), a bound ledger containing several months of The Daily Plaindealer original newspapers from 1898, and a steel cabinet containing a full set of topographic maps on Mylar sheets that were drawn up in 1994 to study potential flood impacts. These could be very useful since they predate the flood and contain a lot of detail.
 - e. Flemmer also noted that the 20 minute video of the History of Grand Forks is doing the rounds on social media and is on YouTube.
 - f. Update on the research for the Grand Forks Chiefs: the coordinator met with Tony Hunt who is collecting photos and other research about the Chiefs. This is a passion project and is not likely going to result in a publication but rather a scrapbook collection of information. We were able to find a number of photos and other details to help him with his research.
 - g. DeRoche Block DOE is scheduled for January 27th online and in person at the State Review Board.
5. Other business
- a. Swisher asked about a house on N. 5th that is painted bright red. Flemmer suggested we might have a site form.
6. Move to adjourn at 730 p.m. Moved Munski, second Derenne.