

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission  
255 North Fourth Street  
P. O. Box 5200  
Grand Forks, ND 58206-5200

**Minutes**  
**November 8, 2022**

**Commissioners present:** Chuck Flemmer, Bill Caraher, Nicole Derenne, Gordon Iseminger, Emily Wros, Judy Swisher, Brian Carlson.

**Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm**

1. Approval of minutes from October 11, 2022
  - a. Moved Iseminger, second Swisher. Motion carries.
2. Section 106 Reviews: No reviews since the last meeting.
3. Potential future projects for forthcoming FY23 application
4. Chair report
  - a. DDRB meeting on October 13 – The Artisan at 408 DeMers Ave discussed. They are planning to open windows along the alley, 2 or 3 store fronts on ground floor, and second floor and back half of the ground floor will be boutique hotel. Putting addition on rear, use roof top for semi-public space for events. Chuck asked that they be sure that the rooftop is not visible from the street level at the front. Swisher asked about signage. Iseminger asked whether there were any reservations or comments regarding the plans. Flemmer noted the only reservation was concerning the visibility of the roof top, but also noted that the function of the DDRB has changed in terms of approvals.
5. Coordinator Report
  - a. Courthouse safety upgrades
    - i. The chair and coordinator met with County staff on October 20 to review plans for security upgrades to the entrance of the Courthouse. Changes include moving the current location of the security desk to improve the management of visitors, add bullet proof glass and other protective materials to the security station, install voice-over-PA in the event all staff and visitors need to be alerted throughout the building. There is also a plan to use some

stored marble panels to dress the security desk and to repair any flooring with existing materials. JLG is performing the work.

- ii. Additionally, we were shown some of the water damage to the top floor ceilings from leaking associated with the dome. A Minneapolis firm is providing a proposal for the repairs to the dome that will be done in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards. We have asked that they share the plans with the Commission, and potentially SHPO.
- b. Chester Fritz Auditorium RFP – bids due December 2
    - i. The RFP was distributed on October 27 to our list of 26 consultants and firms.
  - c. Historic Context RFP draft
    - i. This RFP will be distributed to the same list as well as any additional individuals that the Commission might identify. Please review and provide any edits by Thursday, November 10.
  - d. State Review Board meeting
    - i. The SRB quarterly meeting was held October 28<sup>th</sup> both in person and virtually. The DeRoche nomination was considered at that meeting, and the Board voted to do a Revise and Resubmit. Members were complimentary of the nomination however felt that some additional information would improve the document.
  - e. Final Water Treatment Plant report
    - i. The final version of the report is in this meeting's Dropbox. We have also received the archival copies, and one will be delivered to Special Collections on the next visit.
  - f. Edgewood Corporate Plaza escalator
    - i. We learned that escalated continues to be a maintenance problem. After sending a letter to Edgewood, the coordinator spoke with Landon Bahl and discussed the issue, potential federal tax credit program or other grants and the long term concern. The escalator is more than 70 years old, was second hand when installed, and parts are near impossible to source. Landon explained that there is greater concern moving forward when the building will be functioning more as a 24/7, increasing the reliance on the escalator.

- g. Granitoid – installed at Kannowski Park this week.
- 6. Other business
  - a. Commissioners are asked to review any materials in their meeting folders they would like to maintain, and the rest will be recycled.
  - b. Unpacking and organizing the office after the latest move.
- 7. Move to adjourn 7:20pm, moved Caraher, second Derenne.