

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission
255 North Fourth Street
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Minutes
February 14, 2023

Commissioners present: Chuck Flemmer, Bill Caraher, Sandy Slater, Doug Munski, Emily Wros, Brian Carlson, Jacey Johnston, Judy Swisher, Nicole Derenne.

Other guests: Connor Grenier (intern), Maggie Brockling (Planning & Community Development)

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

1. Approval of minutes from January 10, 2023
 - a. Moved Slater, second Derenne. Motion carries.
2. Section 106 Reviews:
 - a. Planning & Community Development
 - i. Grand Forks Senior Center (Maggie Brockling): Addition of a drive-thru and a kitchen renovation.
 1. Motion: NHPA. Moved Slater, second Derenne. Motion carries.
 - a. Discussion included what type of brick would be used, who might be the original architect and for contractors to be aware of possible historic material when digging the footings since the building is now on top of an earlier neighborhood. It was also noted that the work would not be very visible from the front of the building.
 - ii. Winship School playground (Mark Saunders): CDBG funding – move current playground and replace existing playground area with outdoor seating.
 1. Motion: No Adverse Effect. Moved Derenne, second Carlson. Motion carries.

- b. Trileaf for CellCo Partnership: Remove 9 antennas and install twelve antennas at a top height of 95 ft on an existing 99 ft cell tower on the top of the US Bank Building at 600 Demers Ave.
 - 1. Motion: No Adverse Effect. Moved Munski, second Derenne.
Motion carries.
 - a. Discussion followed regarding air rights.
 - c. 2708 Oak St - Approved administratively– replace a wood hollow core door located inside the garage to a steel door - RRVCA
 - d. 432 Burdick Ct – Approved administratively – window cranks, light bulbs, smoke alarms - RRVCA
3. 2023 CLG Application – final application
- i. Motion: to submit the FY2023 application as written to the State Historical Society. Moved, Slater, second B. Caraher. Motion carries.
4. Chair report:
- a. Annual Bridge Lighting Committee meeting is scheduled for February 16th with the GF and EGF Mayors, NDDOT and MNDOT representatives and the GFHPC Chair. The meeting is to review and, if necessary, update the Sorlie Bridge lighting policy.
 - i. Carlson asked the status of lighting request for the Kennedy Bridge.
Flemmer noted that MNSHPO is responsible for that particular bridge and are not likely to allow for lighting.
 - b. One lighting application has been approved for National Police Week.
5. Coordinator Report
- a. RFP for Historic Context of Lost Neighborhood – no submissions after 2nd call for proposals.
 - b. State Review Board meeting was held January 27th. The board reviewed the DeRoche Apartment building for a second time and it was approved as a Determination of Eligibility. The final copy has been sent to us.
 - c. 150th Anniversary: the chair and the coordinator met with John Bernstrom and Sharyl Simeone from Public Info and discussed how to proceed. It was agreed that the first thing should be a logo so the coordinator has been tasked with designing

that. Many ideas were discussed, and the coordinator has also reached out to the City Administrator and the Mayor as an FYI.

6. Internship project update: Connor Grenier
 - a. Connor is working on the lost buildings project focused on buildings along the Greenway between the Kennedy Bridge and Point Bridge. Connor discussed his current research on Viets Hotel, and Frank Viet's property ownership in that area.
7. Other business:
 - a. Munski shared August 3-5 is the 100th anniversary celebration of the ND Horticultural Society. There will be activities at the ND Museum of Art.
 - b. Johnston followed up on the earlier discussion regarding air rights and noted that air space is subject to local zoning permits.
8. Move to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Moved Munski, second Derenne.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30pm