

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission
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Minutes
October 10, 2023

Commissioners present: Chuck Flemmer, Bill Caraher, Sandy Slater, Doug Munski, Judy Swisher, Gordon Iseminger, Brian Carlson, Paul Conlon, Jacey Johnston, Nicole Derenne.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Approval of minutes from September 12, 2023. Moved Slater, second Swisher. Motion carries.
2. Section 106 Reviews:
 - a. Terracon: Installation of a cellphone tower at 3351 32nd Ave S. NHPA
 - i. Moved Munski, second Swisher. Motion carries.
3. Chair Report: Chuck Flemmer (no report this month)
4. Coordinator Report: Susan Caraher
 - a. UND: SHSND Director, Bill Peterson visited with President Armacost regarding the planned razing of Babcock. UND has decided to demolish the building, and Dr. Peterson feels that decision won't change and that we might start thinking about other mitigation.
 - i. Swisher.
 - b. Urban Renewal RFP sent: the RFP has been distributed to our consultants list. The deadline for proposal submissions is Wednesday, November 8th.
 - c. Phoenix Elementary Safety Study: the coordinator attended a meeting on Monday to learn the results of a safety study conducted around Phoenix Elementary School.
 - i. Reducing lane width, bump outs, loading and unloading zones, lighting, beacons etc.
 - ii. Public meeting in the next several weeks

Swisher asked about the idea of making Belmont and Chestnut one way streets.

- d. FY21 grant closed: we have requested a reimbursement of \$1,852.92 to close out the FY21 grant.
 - e. FY22 Donated Labor forms: our Q4 reimbursement request for the FY22 is almost ready for submission. We will be requesting a reimbursement of \$7,219.79 leaving a balance of \$4,394.18 for the remainder of the grant which expires next September.
 - f. FY23 grant has technically gone into effect and we have two years to complete those projects. We sought permission to switch two projects of similar dollar amounts in order to work on the website after there were no bids on the Lost Neighborhood project. That (~ \$5,000) project could be revived, or alternatively put towards something else.
 - g. Billy Budge: the great-grandson of William Budge gifted us a copy of the history he wrote for their family.
 - h. B’Nai Israel Synagogue renovation: the restoration of the basement has been completed. The Synagogue received some grant funds to offset the cost of the renovation, but it hasn’t covered the complete cost. They shared their webpage that shows the before and after photos.
 - i. Reappointments: Both Paul Conlon and Jacey Johnston have agreed to reappointments for another 2 year term. The Committee of the Whole will consider the request on October 23, and then the Council meeting on October 30th.
 - j. Riverside Dam was likely constructed with FERA funds as part of the WPA projects in 1934-1935.
 - k. Riverside Pool update – the city will pursue grants for repairs.
5. Other business:
- a. City Hall elevator will be out of service at some point in the near future for replacement. If it is out of order at the time of our next meeting the coordinator will look to schedule the ground floor conference room.
 - b. SHSND: The State Review Board has an opening and if anyone is interested in serving. Also, an RFP has been released to update the Fort Totten National Register nomination.

- c. Carlson noted that the Griffith house is for sale and it has not been updated is probably since it was first built.
- 6. Call to adjourn: Moved Munksi, second Derenne. Meeting closed 7pm.

Next meeting is November 14, 2023.