

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission
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Minutes
August 13th, 2024

Commissioners present: Chuck Flemmer, Bill Caraher, Gordon Iseminger, Sandy Slater, Douglas Munski, Brian Carlson, Judy Swisher

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Approval of minutes from July 9th, 2024. Moved Iseminger, second Swisher. Motion carries. 1 Abstention.
2. Section 106 Reviews:
 - a. Trileaf – 600 DeMers Ave
 - i. This request is an amendment to a previous Section 106 Review. No Adverse Effect. Moved Slater, second Carlson. Motion carries.
 - ii. The previous request was approved No Adverse Effect.
3. Downtown Gateway & Greenway Rehabilitation City Project
 - a. Houston Engineering Co. is working on behalf of the City of Grand Forks to provide preliminary design services to rehabilitate the floodwall Gateway and Greenway areas of downtown adjacent to the flood protection system. Attached are conceptual layouts to increase project awareness, garner feedback, and inform parties with future interest in the project.
 - b. Request a 106 Review. It is in the view shed of the Sorlie Bridge, GNRR Bridge and other historic buildings, Thurber Plaque, come to a meeting to present the review in the Fall.
4. Chair Report: Chuck Flemmer
 - a. UND is preparing a new memorial for veterans of WWI to be installed at the new Memorial Stadium. They have researched the names to be added to a monument on the corner of 2nd Ave N. and Columbia Rd.
5. Coordinator Report: Susan Caraher
 - a. Griggs Award – Greg Vettel

- i. Mayor Bochenski presented the award at the August 5th Council meeting. Several Commission members attended as well as Richard Ray, President of the GF County Historical Society.
- b. SHPO Preservation and Restoration grants
 - i. The State has announced grants for preservation and restoration. Eligible properties are those listed on the National Register. The announcement is attached.
- c. Engineering – Street lights along 4th
 - i. The Engineering Department is looking for questions, concerns and feedback for a project to switch the light poles along 4th Ave S. that will match the 30 foot black poles that are extant on Belmont Road in the NSS. The extant wood poles along Lincoln Drive will be removed and the goal is to improve the lighting to the Park. These will be black pedestal poles with a globe on the top that are the same style they are placing throughout the city. Two exhibits are presented to show the proposed location of lights on these routes. The style differs because 4th Ave S./Minnesota Ave is a commercial road similar to Belmont, while Lincoln Dr is a residential. There is proposed to be 15 commercial lights on 4th Ave S/Minnesota Ave and 9 Residential street lights on Lincoln drive.
 - 1. Is this the same number of existing lights along Minnesota Ave and Sth 4th Ave? No, it is an increased number of lights. In part, this is due to the increased lighting identified as part of the Phoenix Elementary School safety study, and therefore it made sense to continue the lighting along that main corridor to the Point Bridge.
 - 2. What is the proposed schedule? Follow up – the project will go out to bid in the Fall with a proposed timeline for June – August 2025.
 - 3. Any plan for 5th and 6th Streets – very dark
- d. North Dakota National Guard Armory research
 - i. The ND National Guard assistant historian reached out looking for assistance with their project on the history of armories in Grand Forks. We have provided him with a variety of documents and photos for the Civic Auditorium, the UND Armory, and the N. 4th Street Armory.

- e. Old Water Treatment Plant redevelopment
 - i. There was a kickoff meeting on July 16th with Development Strategies (Consultants) and the Steering Committee as well as other staff members. The consultants gave a presentation with their vision for a district approach to the redevelopment. They suggested the initial work to get to a scope of work will take 9-10 months. There will be many engagement opportunities along the way. We have provided a number of historic photos and the HAER report.
 - f. Baukol Addition Historic District signage
 - i. Two different versions of artwork are attached.
 - g. New web pages include Lincoln Park, B'nai Israel, Greg Vettel on Griggs Award
6. Other business:
- a. GFH published the story about historic statues.
 - b. Out of office from Monday 19th August to Monday 9th September
 - c. Reminder about September meeting moved to Tuesday, September 17th.
7. Call to adjourn at: Moved Munski, second Carlson. Motion carries. Meeting ended at 6:48pm

Next meeting is 6 pm, September 17th, 2024.