

**BISMARCK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 16, 2021**

The Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission met on June 16, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. in the Tom Baker Meeting Room in the City-County Office Building, 221 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Commissioners present were Walt Bailey, Tory Jackson, Beth Nodland and Amy Sakariassen.

Commissioners Steve Bakken, Blake Dinkins and Calvin Grinnell were not present.

Staff members present were Sandra Bogaczyk – Office Assistant II, Ben Ehreth – Community Development Director, Will Hutchings – Planner and Kim Lee – Planning Manager.

Guests present were Lorna Meidinger and Amy Munson – State Historic Preservation Office, Daan Meens, Emily Sakariassen and Rebekah Schields – Metcalf Archeological Consultants Inc., Tom Tudor – St. George’s Episcopal Memorial Church and Bruce Whittey – Citizen.

**MINUTES**

Chair Sakariassen called for consideration of the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and with Commissioners Bailey, Jackson, Nodland and Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Sakariassen asked if there were any public comments.

There being no public input Chair Sakariassen resumed the meeting.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION REVIEW**  
**ST. GEORGE’S EPISCOPAL MEMORIAL CHURCH**

Mr. Hutchings stated that the Historic Preservation Commission was contacted by Metcalf Archeological Consultants with a request for review of a National Register of Historic (NHRP) nomination for St. George’s Episcopal Memorial Church located at 601 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street in in central Bismarck. The request is to be reviewed by the State Historic

Preservation Review Board on August 27, 2021. He stated that the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) requested comments from the Historic Preservation Commission.

Ms. Emily Sakariassen presented a slide show narrating the historical significance of St. George's Episcopal Memorial Church dedicated to the pioneers of Dakota and to those who have served in both world wars. She stated that the church contracted with Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. (Metcalf) of Bismarck to provide technical assistance in documenting the history and significance of the church and to complete a National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the property. She noted and that there are no restrictions to the property owner with the possible designation. She mentioned that the presentation to the State Historic Preservation Review Board is open to the public and being held at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum.

Mr. Bailey stated that he has never seen a more complete and professional nomination and presentation. He stated that he will forward a few comments of suggestion directly to Ms. Sakariassen. Ms. Sakariassen welcomed the consideration.

The Historic Preservation Commission provided the following comments and suggested changes:

1. Minor grammatical and syntax changes were noted and provided in a marked-up copy to Metcalf Archeological Consultants.
2. Language revisions were suggested to clarify that the memorials throughout the site are dedicated to community members who served in either World Wars. As written, it implies the memorials are only dedicated to those who served in both World Wars.

## **HIGHLAND ACRES SURVEY PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Hutchings stated that Metcalf Archeological Consultants has provided the final draft report with results of the City of Bismarck's Highland Acres Survey inventory, to determine whether the Highland Acres neighborhood is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as a historic district, is included for Historic Preservation Commission members to comment. He stated that Metcalf concluded that some of the 352 residential and non-residential properties were also considered individually contributing properties. Metcalf surveyed and evaluated 250 of the sites and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) evaluated the remaining 102 properties and were included in the packet. Mr. Hutchings provided a map compiling both entity's findings.

Ms. Schields presented Metcalf's findings and explained the evaluation process.

Ms. Nodland pointed out some suggestions and corrections. She suggested and recommended that the narrative aspect could include more information about the women who lived and did business in Highland Acres, along with more information about family life.

The Historic Preservation Commission provided the following comments and suggested changes:

1. Typographical error on page 65 – ‘Ranch’ should be ‘Range’ and ‘Jackson’ should be ‘Jackman’.
2. Ownership has changed for MAC – 068 and there have been recent revisions at this house.
3. Homes constructed by the Froeschle Brothers may be worth noting for their construction contributions in Highland Acres and other commercial projects in the Bismarck area.
4. The report lacks mentions of women in Highland Acres and reads as an all-male endeavor. Consider more gender-inclusive language and note the importance of family and domestic living in Highland Acres.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Hutchings stated that there was no other business to discuss at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Sakariassen declared the meeting of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 4:23 p.m. to meet again on July 21, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Sandra Bogaczyk  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:   
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Amy Sakariassen, Chair