



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA July 20, 2022

Tom Baker Meeting Room	3:00 p.m.	City-County Office Building
The City of Bismarck is encouraging citizens to provide their comments via email to whutchings@bismarcknd.gov. The comments will be sent to the Historic Preservation Commissioners prior to the meeting and included in the minutes of the meeting. To ensure that comments are compiled and forwarded to the Historic Preservation Commission with enough time to review all comments, please submit your comments no later than 12 noon the day of the meeting. Comments should also include which agenda item number or topic your comment references and your name		(anonymous comments will not be forwarded to the Historic Preservations Commissioners or included in the minutes of the meeting). If you would like to appear via video or audio link for a 3-5-minute comment on a public hearing item, please provide your e-mail address and contact information to whutchings@bismarcknd.gov at least one business day before the meeting. As always, live meeting coverage is available on Government Access Channels 2 & 602HD, Radio Access 102.5 FM Radio, or stream FreeTV.org and RadioAccess.org
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1. Welcome to Commissioner Splonskowski and Thank You to Mayor Bakken

MINUTES

2. Consider approval of the minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. **Public Comment** (The public comment period is available for residents and other interested parties to address items on the agenda or any general public input for consideration by the Historic Preservation Commission)



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ADJOURNMENT

7. **Adjourn:** The next regular meeting date is scheduled for August 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM in the Tom Baker Meeting Room

Enclosures: Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2022



MEMORANDUM

2022 CLG Conference Planning

TO: Chair Sakariassen and Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Will Hutchings, AICP, Senior Planner
DATE: May 13, 2022

The City of Bismarck and the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission have been identified as the entity to host the 2022 Annual North Dakota Certified Local Government (CLG) Conference. The host community for this annual conference has traditionally cycled between each of the North Dakota CLGs. Last year's event was held exclusively online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be the City of Bismarck's first time hosting the conference, as well as a return to an in-person conference meeting. Anticipated attendance is 30 to 45 people.

A conference planning committee has met twice to discuss the planned event. Items researched and discussed were the format of the conference, selection of dates, catering and venue options, conference sessions, schedule and mobile tour. The following are the recommendations of the committee.

Conference Theme: 150 Years of Tradition and Innovation in Bismarck

Catering and Venue: Municipal Country Club

Dates: September 23, 2022 - Local CLG Coordinator Updates - Online
September 30, 2022 – In Person (Draft schedule below)

Draft Schedule for September 30

8:30 – 9:30 AM	Check-In and Continental Breakfast
9:30 to 10:15 AM	Welcome (Bill Peterson) and SHPO Update (Amy Munson)
10:15 to 12:00 PM	Updates from Archeology - ND State Historical Society – Andy Clark
12:00 to 1:15 PM	Lunch and Keynote Speaker
1:15 to 2:45 PM	Mobile Tour of Highland Acres (Harlows)
2:45 to 3:00 PM	Break with Snacks Included



3:00 to 4:00 PM Community Celebrations and Timeline Project (Bismarck Staff)
 4:00 to 4:45 PM *TBD SESSION*
 4:45 to 5:00 PM Thank You and Closing Remarks

Catering

Continental Breakfast: Assorted Pastries, Bagels, Fruit, Coffee, Water, Hot Water/Tea

Lunch: Sandwich Combo with Macaroni Salad and Cookies, Water, Assorted Soda, Lemonade

Afternoon Snack: Homemade Granola Bars, Pretzels, Beverage Station

A 2022 HPG grant award has been received to cover the costs of the 2022 CLG Conference. The total budget for this conference is \$4000. The venue and catering with Lady J's at the Bismarck Municipal Club has been retained with a \$1000 deposit. The deposit will be applied to the total cost which is anticipated to be close to the deposit amount. If the Historic Preservation Commission agrees with the proposed mobile tour, the conference planning committee recommends utilization of a charter tour bus. The cost for that service is \$900.

The conference planning committee is seeking assistance identifying a potential keynote speaker and speakers/topics for the last session and approval of the identified recommendations. Additional grant funding is available to help cover any potential costs associated with procuring speakers.



SAVE THE DATES
 2022 North Dakota CLG Conference
 150 Years of Tradition and Innovation in Bismarck

09.23.22
 Online Streaming Event - CLG Coordinator Updates

09.30.22
 In Person - Conference and Mobile Tour
 Municipal Country Club - 930 Griffin St, Bismarck, ND

Registration is Free

Nearby Hotels:
 Hampton Inn and Suites
 Home2 Suites

A 'Save the Date' has been sent to the other North Dakota CLG coordinators. Upon finalization of the session staff will work with the other CLG coordinators to register attendees.

The North Dakota CLG Conference is free to CLG members and their Historic Preservation Commission members.

Staff Recommended Action

Review the material provided within this memorandum and provide additional guidance.



MEMORANDUM

Streetlight Banners

TO: Chair Sakariassen and Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Will Hutchings, AICP, Senior Planner
DATE: July 15, 2022

The City of Bismarck has been awarded Historic Preservation Fund grant funding to install streetlight banners as requested in the Historic Preservation Commission's grant application. The submitted application indicated that these banners would feature historic imagery and/or content along with the Bismarck 150th commemorative logo; help cross promote the sesquicentennial; be made of a high-quality canvas material; and would remain in place until they have deteriorated beyond repair (estimated life of 10 years).

The grant award included the following questions and comments from the grant review committee:

- *What happens to the banners after this year? They will have the 150th logo so they are not really reusable on the streetlights.*
- *SHSND would like to review the draft of the final banner before production.*
- *Is there a map of the locations and streets that the banners will be posted?*

On February 22, 2022, The Bismarck City Commission authorized funding to hang 100 banners on pedestrian light poles throughout downtown Bismarck as one component of the various Bismarck 150th Anniversary activities and promotions. These banners have been printed and hung.

Since there is some overlap with the 150th Anniversary banners in downtown, and in order to address some of the comments and questions posed by the grant review committee, staff is recommending the following changes with staff justifications to the scope of this project.

1. Remove 150th Anniversary logo/branding
Justifications: This would address the concerns of the grant review committee. The City of Bismarck has already installed 150th Anniversary themed banners throughout downtown. Switching to a more long-lasting material means that the longer these are in place the more likely they may appear dated if they feature the 150th Anniversary logo.



2. Focus the banners to only be hung in the Cathedral Area and Highland Acres Historic District

Justifications: Since the banners would not be specific to the 150th Anniversary, there is no need to hang them throughout the greater community in places not recognized as historically significant. The Historic Preservation Fund grant source is from the National Park Service (NPS). Using the funds to promote the two residential historic districts in our community would align with the NPS National Register program.

3. Use one universal design for each of the districts

Justifications: Multiple individual designs will cost more. Consistency will help reinforce neighborhood cohesion.

4. Consider a more long-lasting material and installation. Some options include a more permanent vinyl printed aluminum panel.

Justifications: Vinyl was initially ruled out as a viable option due to harsh weather conditions. Canvas may still be a viable option but it too is subject to fading and becoming torn and tattered over time. This may increase overall costs though. Staff has sought quotes for both canvas and aluminum panels.

5. Utilize the Cathedral Area logo and create a new logo for Highland Acres.

Justifications: Multiple individual designs will cost more. Consistency will help reinforce neighborhood cohesion. Utilizing the existing Cathedral Area logo will save on overall graphic design costs.

Interns with Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health walked and drove throughout both neighborhoods to identify potential and ideal street light locations. Factors used to determine which streetlights were suitable for installation included:

1. Locations near the entrances to the districts
2. Major thoroughfares
3. Potential visual hindrances (trees)

A map of all identified locations is attached to this memorandum. Dependent on costs, the final locations will be cut down to match available funding.

Engineering will be consulted on the design of the mounting hardware and will also evaluate if a solid material is a viable option without causing damage to the streetlights. The following requirement will need to be met:

The banners must be hung in a manner to maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) feet of unobstructed space



Photo showing the height and typical size of a streetlight banner with a vinyl banner. These vinyl banners are removed every year over the winter.

between the lowest point of the banners & hardware and the top of the highest point in the sidewalk below the banners & hardware area. The attached hardware must protect the pole from damage. Any damage to the poles shall be repaired or replaced at the installer's expense.

Staff has created a Highland Acres logo concept attached to this memorandum for your review and feedback. The design features a starburst symbol that was drawn by connecting the planned neighborhood centers, large and smaller parks and cul-de-sacs with Highland Acres Elementary servings as the nucleus center. It also features an amoeba shape derived from the inner portion of the main roads of Highland Acres Rd. and round multi-colored circles that mimic painted concrete circles that make up a retaining wall in an individual homeowner's yard (SITS 32BL840).

Staff Recommended Action

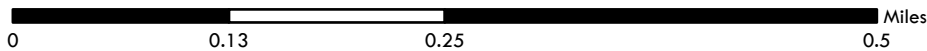
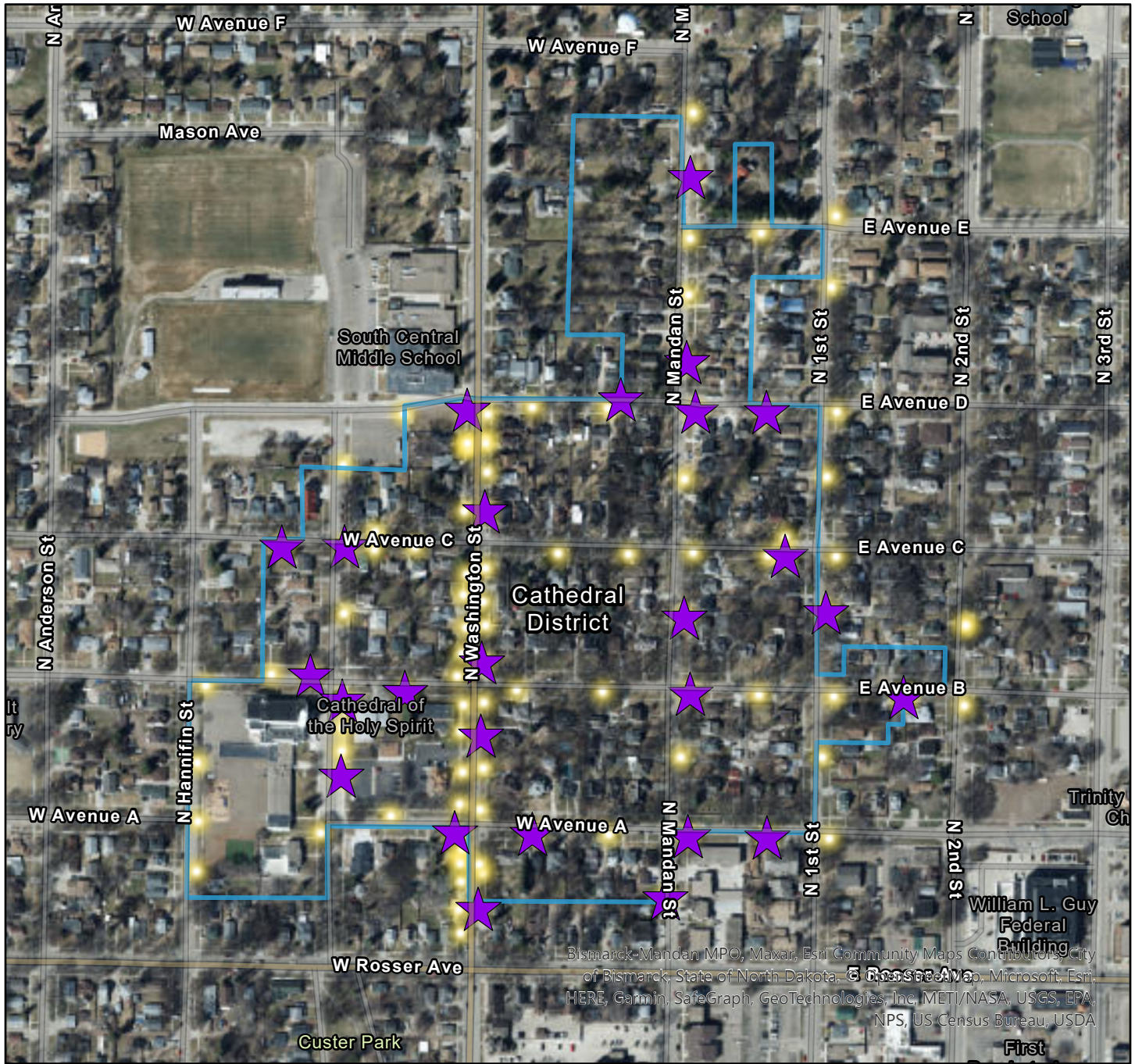
Review the material provided within this memorandum and provide additional guidance.

Attachments:

1. Map of Potential Streetlight Banner Locations in the Cathedral Area
2. Map of Potential Streetlight Banner Location in Highland Acres
3. Cathedral Area Historic District Logo
4. Potential Staff Logo Designs for Highland Acres



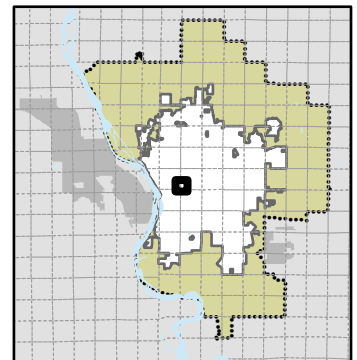
Cathedral Area Historic District Proposed Banner Locations



- Banner
- Historic District Boundary
- Street Light Poles

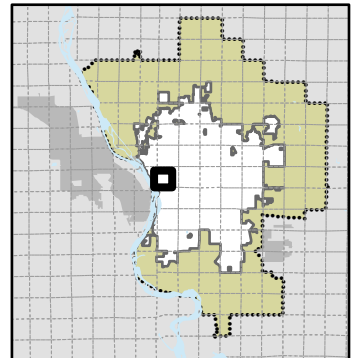
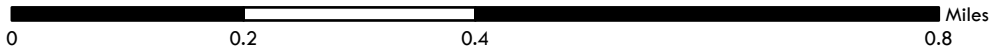
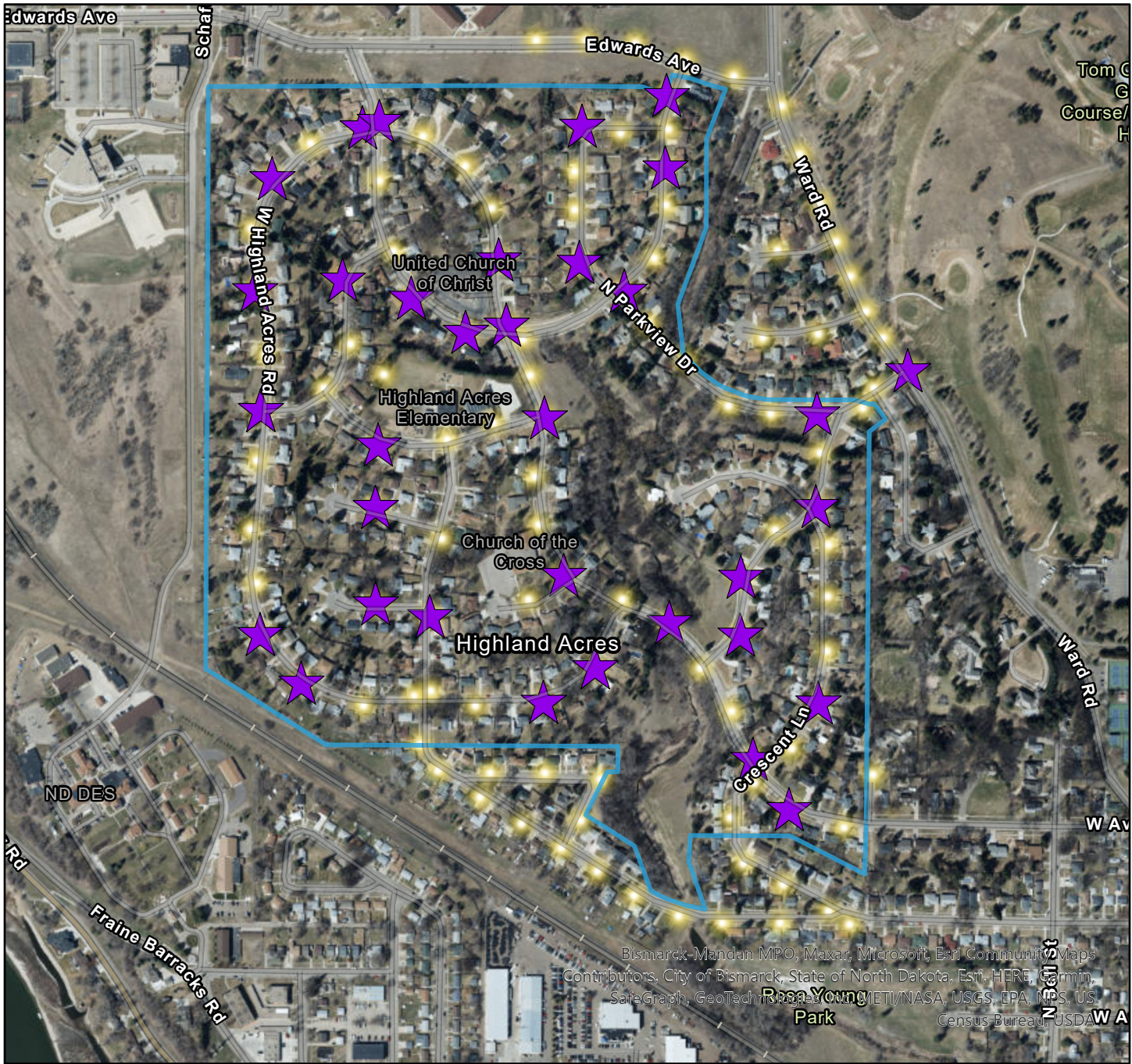
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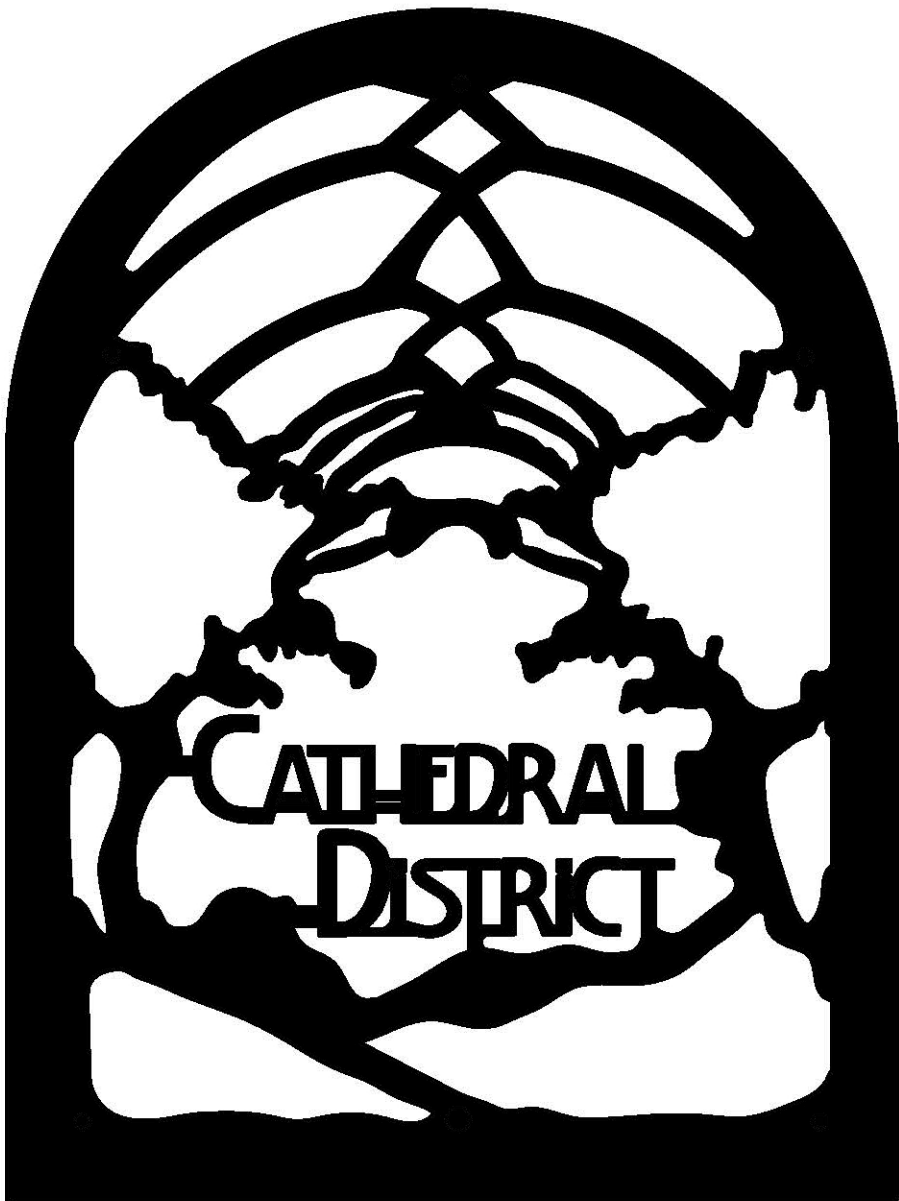
Highland Acres Historic District
Proposed Banner Locations

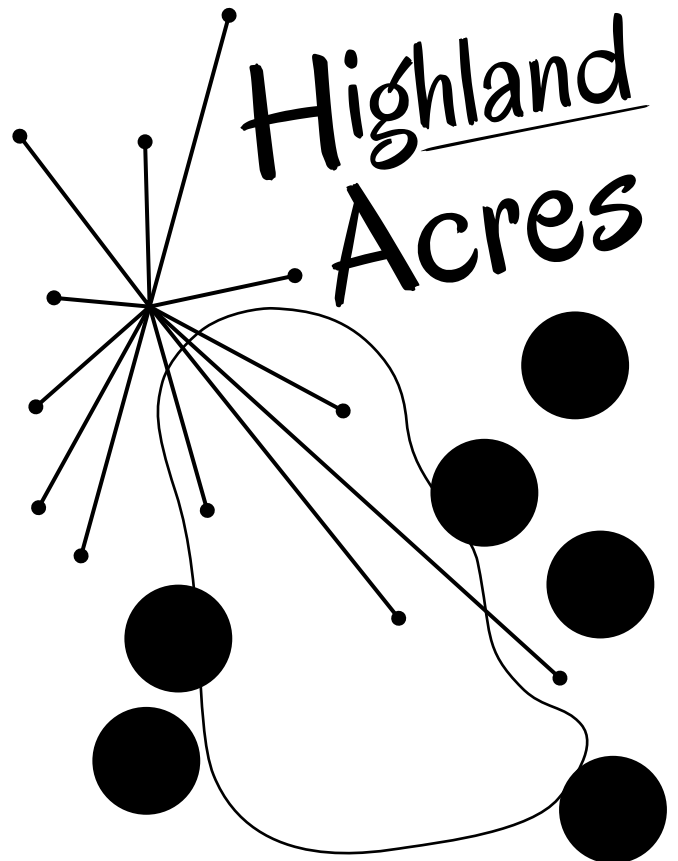


- ★ Banner
- Historic District Boundary
- Street Light Poles

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MEMORANDUM

Traveling History Exhibit

TO: Chair Sakariassen and Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Will Hutchings, AICP, Senior Planner
DATE: July 15, 2022

The City of Bismarck has been awarded Historic Preservation Fund grant funding to create a Bismarck-specific historic traveling exhibit as requested in the Historic Preservation Commission's grant application. The submitted grant application indicated the purpose of this project would be to further promote and support the City's 150th Anniversary while also promoting the knowledge and understanding of the City's heritage, its historic properties, and the past endeavors of its residents. It further noted that no such traveling exhibit about Bismarck's history currently exists, and it could help compliment various developed and in development projects.

The traveling exhibit would be loaned out to local organizations, institutions, and schools, and made available for use at local events, and to any interested communities beyond the City. During times when not loaned out, the City would place the exhibit in publicly accessible locations within City-owned buildings such as the City/County Building in downtown Bismarck, the Bismarck Airport Bismarck Event Center, the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library, and the Belle Mehus. Other locations could include the World War Memorial Building and Bismarck State College.

The grant award included a request from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to learn more about the format of the traveling exhibit and review the final proof before production. In staff conversations with SHPO, this project could be modified for other similar educational-and history exploration projects.

Staff is seeking more information and discussion on the content and scope of this project. One alternative to this project could be printing, binding and distributing copies of your DRAFT Historic Preservation Plan with the timeline that your subcommittee is nearing completion on. Contents of that timeline could also be used to generate a traveling exhibit.

Staff Recommended Action

Review the material provided within this memorandum and provide additional guidance.



MEMORANDUM

Time Capsule Project

TO: Chair Sakariassen and Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Will Hutchings, AICP, Senior Planner
DATE: July 15, 2022

The City of Bismarck would like to culminate the year of celebrations of the Bismarck 150th Anniversary by creating a time capsule for future residents. The time capsule would be placed near the entrance of the new Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health building, currently under construction. A plaque would be created to mark its location.

Preliminary discussions about the time capsule's potential contents include many of the 150th Anniversary produced items such as metal and wood tokens, flags, banners, ornaments, etc. Other ideas include letters from current residents to residents of the future.

Staff is seeking the public and Historic Preservation Commission's input on other potential items that could be considered for inclusion and other best practice advice.

Staff Recommended Action

Review the material provided within this memorandum and provide additional guidance.





July 11, 2022

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Coordinator Will Hutchings
Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission
PO Box 5503
Bismarck, ND 58506-5503

Dear Coordinator Hutchings,

I am pleased to inform you that the Highland Acres Historic District was officially accepted by the National Register of Historic Places on 7/6/2022.

The National Register of Historic Places, established by the Secretary of the Interior under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, is the official list of the Nation's cultural properties worthy of preservation.

Listing of a property in the National Register:

- * makes the property owner eligible for Federal grants-in-aid for preservation, when available, administered by the State Historical Society of North Dakota as part of our historic preservation program.
- * provides limited protection by requiring comment from the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, an independent executive agency, on the effects of federally assisted projects on the listed property.
- * makes owners who rehabilitate certified historic properties used for income-producing purposes eligible for Federal tax benefits specified by Section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, amended 1987.

If you or any of your constituents would like more information regarding any of these programs, please contact the Historic Preservation Division, North Dakota Heritage Center, 612 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505-0830 (701)328-2089.

Sincerely,

William D. Peterson PhD
State Historic Preservation Officer
(North Dakota)



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Dear Mr. Will Hutchings,

Based on recent activities across North Dakota and complaints provided to our agency, we are taking the step to inform certified local governments about North Dakota laws concerning excavating activities proposed by “amateur archaeologists” on private or public properties.

We have recently been made aware of more than 1300 archaeological sites in North Dakota and surrounding states that have been destroyed in illegal and unethical excavations by one individual. The State Historical Society of North Dakota does not support or condone these activities. I want to remind your organization of state laws to help ensure that your organization is not unintentionally promoting any illegal or unethical archaeological excavations on your properties.

For additional information on prehistoric and historic sites please review North Dakota Century Code Chapter 55-03, which states:

1. Whether on private or public land, a permit from the State Historical Society of North Dakota is required for anyone conducting excavation work related to cultural resources.

North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) provides the statute that requires a permit to investigate, excavate or otherwise record cultural resources, and states:

Any person engaged in the investigation, excavation, or other recording of cultural resources on land owned by an instrumentality of the state **or in the excavation of cultural resources on private land for any purposes** other than those identified in section 55-03-01 **first shall obtain a permit from the director.** A permit may be granted only for the investigation, excavation, or other recording of cultural resources at the locations described in the application for permit. Each application must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars.

N.D.C.C. § 55-03-01.1 (emphasis added). The law clearly states that this applies to both land owned by the state or its instrumentalities and private land. Private landowners originally had exploration rights, but that section was repealed from law by Session Law 1989, ch. 307, § 7.

Cultural resources are also defined in statute as follows: “includes prehistorical or **historic archaeological sites**, burial mounds, and unregistered graves.” N.D.C.C. § 55-03-00.1(1) (emphasis added).

It is illegal to willfully disturb a human burial site, human remains, or burial goods found anywhere or on any land and **constitutes a felony**. This includes marked and unmarked burials.

Find additional information on permitting and definitions at [North Dakota Administrative Code - Title 40 Article 2 Chapter 2 \(ndlegis.gov\)](#)

2. Anyone involved in archaeological excavations must be professionally qualified or under the supervision of a person who meets state qualifications.

40-02-02-05. Professional qualifications – Exceptions: All activities performed under a permit issued pursuant to North Dakota Century Code chapter 55-03 must be conducted by or under the direct supervision of a professionally qualified individual. Evaluations of archaeological, architectural, historical, or paleontological resources must be made by an individual professionally qualified in that particular discipline. Minimum professional qualifications are:

A graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, or closely related field plus all of the following:

- a. At least one year of full-time experience or equivalent specialized training in archaeological research, administration, or management.
- b. At least four months of supervised field and analytic experience in general North American archaeology.
- c. A demonstrated ability to carry research to completion, usually documented through the completion of reports of such work.

In addition to the above minimum qualifications, a professional in prehistoric archaeology must have at least one year of full-time experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological resources of the prehistoric period. A professional in historic archaeology must have at least one year of full-time experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological resources of the historic period.

Collaborating with or promoting anyone who does not have proper qualifications, and permits to conduct archaeology excavation activities could pose potential issues regarding your CLG status or future potential funding from the State Historical Society of North Dakota. If you have any questions, our professional staff will be happy to assist you in determining whether proposed activities on your properties—private or state-owned—are within state laws.

We look forward to serving your needs. Please call me if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,



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**BISMARCK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2022**

The Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission met on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Tom Baker Meeting Room in the City-County Office Building, 221 North 5th Street. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom. Chair Sakariassen presided.

Commissioners present were Walt Bailey, Blake Dinkins, Calvin Grinnell, Tory Jackson, Beth Nodland and Amy Sakariassen. Commissioner Steve Bakken joined at a time noted below.

Staff members present were Sandra Bogaczyk – Office Assistant II, Ben Ehreth – Director of Community Development, Will Hutchings – Senior Planner, Stephanie Pretzer – Assistant City Attorney.

Guest present was Shawn Brennan – Talking Trail.

MINUTES

Chair Sakariassen called for consideration of the minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission as there was no April meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Dinkins to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and with Commissioners Dinkins, Grinnell, Jackson, Nodland and Chair 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.

SECTION 106 REVIEW – BURLEIGH COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Commissioner Dinkins stated that he has a relationship to the project, although not a financial one, and suggested that at the wishes of the Commission he could either participate in the discussion or not.

There were no objections to Mr. Dinkins participating in the discussion and vote.

Mr. Hutchings stated that the City of Bismarck received a Section 106 Review request from the City of Bismarck's Community Development Department for a CDBG funded project that consisted of the proposed demolition of three multi-family housing buildings, with a total of 17 housing units. The buildings are constructed in the newer mansard style that was common between 1960 and 1985. He stated that the buildings are owned and managed by the Burleigh County Housing Authority and the demolished buildings would be replaced with

new multi-family housing consisting of 34 housing units. He stated that the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office had previously provided their concurrence but that since this is a new environmental request, it is before the Historic Preservation Commission for their opportunity to review and provide comments.

Chair Sakariassen stated it is not the only example of the type of architecture in the city and for that reason was not opposed to approving the request.

There was discussion about the type of housing and the replacement property qualities that would replace what is currently there and that the current structures are not in good condition.

At this time Commissioner Bakken joined the meeting via Zoom.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson to approve the proposed demolition of three multi-family housing buildings located at 415, 419 and 423 South Washington Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nodland and with Commissioners Bakken, Dinkins, Grinnell, Jackson, Nodland and Chair Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

REVISED FINAL TALKING TRAIL NARRATIVES

Mr. Hutchings stated that staff and Mr. Brennan, the contractor for Talking Trail, have made revisions to the Talking Trail Narratives, as directed by commissioners, which were previously approved at the March 16, 2022 regular meeting. The new edits highlight historically significant items to a higher degree than the previous version and, due to substantial changes made, staff is presenting the revised final version again for commissioners' review.

Additional comments given to staff by commissioners will be incorporated along with any new comments.

There was discussion about corrections and those corrections displayed.

Mr. Jackson thanked the contractor and stated how impressed he was with the outcome and suggested a voice greeting for each point on the map. Chair Sakariassen agreed that keeping the continuity is important and supported Mr. Jackson's request.

Mr. Brennan stated that he was thankful for the level of interest and would gladly incorporate the corrections.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bakken to approve the Talking Trail narratives as revised and with new suggestions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dinkins and with Commissioners Bakken, Dinkins, Grinnell, Jackson, Nodland and Chair Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

Chair Sakariassen thanked Mr. Brennan for his work and his patience.

CHANCELLOR SQUARE STREETScape ELEMENTS

Mr. Hutchings stated that staff is requesting the Historic Preservation Commission's review and advisory determination of the historic significance of benches, planters and streetscape elements within Chancellor Square. He stated that elements within Chancellor Square have started to show signs of both structural and non-structural damage and staff have received requests to remove or alter some of the features.

There was discussion about the cost of repairs, preservation, historic precedence, and future maintenance of street features.

Mr. Dinkins asked what the timeline is for street repairs. Mr. Hutchings stated that concrete pavement repairs, curb extensions and a few replacement trees are included in the 2022 programmed summer street project. Mr. Ehreth stated that safety concerns with one bench in front of the Belle Mehus Auditorium have been identified and that Public Works has described the difficulty in replacing that bench. Mr. Dinkins stated that he felt that the planters could easily be repaired, and the semi-circle benches were not worth repairing but he preferred rebuilding in the same style, look and feel. Mr. Jackson agreed that curved benches should be replaced in the same location of any which are demolished.

There was discussion about the plantings in the street planters and the popularity of using the street benches.

Mr. Jackson asked for details about the Renaissance Zone tile mosaic bench murals. Mr. Hutchings stated that this was born from a request by artists to the Renaissance Zone Authority and approved by City Commission in 2018 as an allowable streetscape element. The streetscape standards allow artists to create mosaic tile designs to be affixed onto the concrete backs of the semi-circular benches.

Ms. Nodland suggested that the conversation be about whether Chancellor Square is considered an historic area rather than identifying individual design elements. She stated that many individual pieces lack historic integrity, but Chancellor Square does have historic integrity as a social space in the city's downtown and is a cohesive and special identifiable area that should be maintained.

Chair Sakariassen stated that the street elements were part of a distinctive planning movement and therefore finds validity in maintaining structures and vegetation as part of that urban renewal plan. She stated that the Commission would like to continue having a dialogue with the city about existing and proposed individual elements in the downtown. Ms. Nodland agreed with Chair Sakariassen and noted that even though the historic integrity of the one-way streets, planters, benches and the new sidewalk bump-outs have compromised that historic integrity, the area should still be maintained.

Mr. Ehreth stated that he appreciated the thoughtful conversation and complex ideas the Historic Preservation Commission contemplated.

Chair Sakariassen suggested that since the bench in front of the Belle Mehus is at the edge of the downtown and very heavily used by many people and a drop off area, she felt comfortable deferring to the City Planning department as to best solution.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Dinkins to approve removal of the bench at 6th Street and Thayer Avenue due to life safety concerns and that for any future construction that Historic Preservation Commission should be included in the conversation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and with Commissioners Bakken, Dinkins, Grinnell, Jackson, Nodland and Chair Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

Mr. Dinkins, in reflection of his motion asked what specifically the City's intentions are, and amended his motion as follows:

MOTION: An amended motion was made by Commissioner Dinkins to approve removal of the bench at 6th Street and Thayer Avenue due to life safety concerns and that for any future construction City Staff, Public Works and Bismarck Parks and Recreation should communicate with the Historic Preservation Commission so they can be included in the conversation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and with Commissioners Bakken, Dinkins, Grinnell, Jackson, Nodland and Chair Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

Mr. Jackson seconded as amended.

Mr. Dinkins withdrew his amended motion and there was no objection.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Dinkins to recommend approval to demolish the bench outside the World War Memorial Building due to safety concerns and that City staff consult with Bismarck Parks and Recreation for future bench placement and repair and for any planning scheme regarding Chancellor Square the Historic Preservation Commission is consulted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and with Commissioners Bakken, Dinkins, Grinnell, Jackson, Nodland and Chair Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

UPDATE ON PROPOSED NRHP HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATION OF HIGHLAND ACRES

Mr. Hutchings stated that the North Dakota State Review Board on April 29, 2022, unanimously approved the nomination of Highland Acres Historic District with minor edits, as amended by Metcalf Archeological Consultants. Some formal objections were received during a public comment period but not enough to halt the nomination as presented. Some residents who attended the meeting were concerned with the designation and how that affects their property. Mr. Hutchings suggested that the City do more in educational outreach in fully describing what it means to be on the Historical Register. The National Parks Service will review and is expected to make a determination by end of summer, 2022.

2022 CLG CONFERENCE

Mr. Hutchings stated that the 2022 Certified Local Government (CLG) Conference will be hosted by the City of Bismarck. The date and program have not been identified and Mr.

Hutchings accepted suggestions. He stated that there could be a survey of the other CLGs to determine what activities conference members might be attracted to.

OTHER

Ms. Nodland stated that an opponent to the Highland Acres Historic District nomination spoke with her at length and she also fielded a few other concerning calls. She stated that she also had a handful of supportive calls.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Sakariassen declared the meeting of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 4:24 p.m. to meet again on June 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Tom Baker Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Bogaczyk
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Amy Sakariassen, Chair