

**BISMARCK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2022**

The Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission met on Wednesday, July 20, 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 Blake Dinkins, Calvin Grinnell, Tory Jackson, Beth Nodland, Amy Sakariassen and Mark Splonskowski.

Commissioner Walt Bailey was not present.

Staff members present were Sandra Bogaczyk – Office Assistant II, Ben Ehreth – Community Development Director, Jannelle Combs – City Attorney, Will Hutchings – Senior Planner and Jason Tomanek – Assistant City Administrator.

MINUTES

Chair Sakariassen called for consideration of the minutes of the July 20, 2022 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission as there was no June meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Nodland to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dinkins and with Commissioners Dinkins, Grinnell, Jackson, Nodland, Splonskowski 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.

**2022 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT ACTIVITIES
2022 CLG CONFERENCE**

Mr. Hutchings stated that the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission have been chosen to host the 2022 Annual North Dakota Certified Local Government (CLG) Conference, reviewed the draft agenda and requested Commissioners' comments and approval of expenses.

Chair Sakariassen stated that it sounded fun and useful and mentioned that the mobile tour transportation will be accommodating for those who might need assistance.

There was discussion about interests and possible guest speakers.

Mr. Hutchings stated that he will update Commissioners as programs and speakers are booked.

HISTORIC BANNERS

Mr. Hutchings announced that 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, featuring historic imagery and/or content along with the Bismarck 150th commemorative logo to help promote the City's 150th anniversary. He described the material and its durability. He also presented a logo design for Highland Acres.

There was discussion about various designs and possible content.

Chair Sakariassen stated that she liked the immediately recognizable symbolism.

Mr. Splonskowski stated that historical images comparing the past with the present would be interesting for the public.

Mr. Hutchings stated that he would research pricing for various ideas.

Ms. Nodland was concerned that the scope of the signs would be too limited to one neighborhood instead of a celebration for the entire city.

Mr. Hutchings stated that he will continue the discussion and appreciated the feedback.

TRAVELING HISTORY EXHIBIT

Mr. Hutchings stated that 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 to promote the City's 150th Anniversary while promoting the city's heritage. He stated that staff is seeking more information and discussion on the content and scope of this project from Commission members.

There was discussion of how the Traveling History Exhibit would be created and easily transported and located. Cost was also discussed.

Chair Sakariassen stated that the timeline is not a static project but rather an educational tool which will be developed in many ways.

Mr. Jackson reminded Commissioners and the public that the timeline will be online and gather suggestions from the public.

Mr. Hutchings mentioned that the previously created historic district walking tour maps have been distributed in City offices and has become a popular item for citizens and tourists to request.

SESQUICENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE PROJECT

Chair Sakariassen indicated that the diversity in the Bismarck community now should be reflected in the items presented in the time capsule project.

Mr. Splonskowski noted that there is a great opportunity to gather items from many groups which might be a source of identity for that group.

Mr. Tomanek stated that this discussion could be placed onto the August agenda of the Human Relations Committee and Global Neighbors. He stated that specifics are not yet known.

There was discussion about what could be added to the time capsule.

OTHER BUSINESS

NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING – HIGHLAND ACRES HISTORIC DISTRICT

Mr. Hutchings stated that Highland Acres was officially accepted by the National Register of Historic Places on July 6, 2022 and stated that several news releases are scheduled.

Chair Sakariassen expressed pride in being a part of making it happen.

Ms. Nodland said it was a nice job.

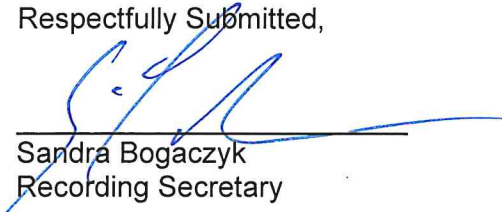
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LETTER NOTICE

Mr. Hutchings reiterated as a general reminder to the public that digging for artifacts cannot be done by laymen and could constitute a felony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Sakariassen declared the meeting of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 4:08 p.m. to meet again on August 17, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Tom Baker Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Bogaczyk
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Amy Sakariassen, Chair