

BISMARCK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2024

The Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission met on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 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. Dakota Media Access was present to record the meeting and archive on freetv.org for public viewing. Chair Sakariassen presided.

Commissioners present were Michael Connelly, Damita Engel, Tory Jackson, Scooter Pursley, Amy Sakariassen and John Swanson, who arrived after the public comment period.

Commissioner Beth Nodland was not present.

Staff members present were Sandra Bogaczyk – Office Assistant, Ben Ehreth – Community Development Director, Daniel Nairn – Planning Manager, Lauren Oster – Planner, Stephanie Pretzer – Assistant City Attorney and Gabe Schell, City Engineer.

Guest present was Shirley Olgeirson – Editor of The 164th Infantry News.

MINUTES

Chair Sakariassen called for consideration of the minutes of the March 20, 2024, meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024, meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pursley and with Commissioners Connelly, Engel, Jackson, Pursley 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 comments, Chair Sakariassen resumed the meeting.

INTRODUCTION TO GABE SCHELL AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Swanson joined the meeting at this time.

Chair Sakariassen welcomed Mr. Schell who introduced himself and presented to the Commission what the City Engineering Department is and does and how his department might work with the Historic Preservation Commission in the future.

There was discussion about how and when Engineering could communicate with the Commission on future projects.

Chair Sakariassen thanked Mr. Schell for appearing.

ND NATIONAL GUARD NEW MUSEUM WING UPDATE

At Chair Sakariassen's request, Ms. Olgeirson described the history of searching for a site to create a military museum and showed images of the project and a list of several entities partnering on the project which is headed by the National Guard Foundation. Ms. Olgeirson presented exterior and interior images of the proposed development, stated fundraising objectives, and noted a proposed 2025 groundbreaking. She invited citizens to make contributions in the name of loved ones who have or are currently serving and encouraged the public to spread the word and make inquiries by going to www.ndngfoundation.org/museum.

There was discussion about the endeavor and commission members offered their support and good wishes for the project.

2022 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT UPDATE

Ms. Oster listed the remaining actions needed to approve street banners for the Highland Acres Historic District and what actions remain to be determined.

There was discussion about proposed banner designs including a press release to explain meanings behind the design.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Pursley to approve the banner design as presented in the agenda packet distributed prior to the meeting and prepare a press release explaining the design. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Connelly and with Commissioners Connelly, Engel, Jackson, Pursley, Swanson and Chair Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

Ms. Oster stated that it will take four to six weeks to create and install the banners and 35 banners will be hung in the Highland Acres Historic District including a couple in Torrance Addition.

Staff agreed to time the press release before the banners are installed.

2023 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT UPDATE

Ms. Oster updated members about progress on the grant.

2024 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT UPDATE

Ms. Oster stated that the City of Bismarck was awarded \$20,991 and updated members about progress on the grant as stated in the packet memorandum.

UPCOMING MAY HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

Ms. Oster presented a schedule of events related to Historic Preservation Month. Ms. Engel suggested that a QR code be used to more easily update events for Historic Preservation Month. Chair Sakariassen agreed.

Mr. Jackson asked if the Bismarck Historical Society, who is hosting a Local Historical Trivia night to take place on May 13th, and the History Hotdish radio show, which occurs twice monthly, could be added to the calendar of events. Both Commissioner Connelly and Engel agreed to amend their motion to include these two events.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Connelly to develop a QR code for easier access to updated events and activities associated with Historic Preservation Month and add the Bismarck Historical Society podcast, History Hotdish, and the Local Historical Trivia night events to the Historic Preservation Month calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Engel and with Commissioners Connelly, Engel, Jackson, Pursley, Swanson and Chair Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

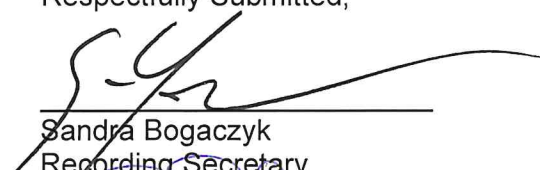
Ms. Engel asked when a subcommittee meeting could be held for reviewing the Historic Preservation Plan. Ms. Oster replied that it seemed best to wait until the survey results were tabulated after May 8th and stated that she will place the event on the agenda after results are presented to members as requested by members.

Chair Sakariassen stated that the Torrence Addition addition to the Highland Acres Historic District will be reviewed by the North Dakota Historic Preservation Review Board on the 26th of April at 10 a.m. at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

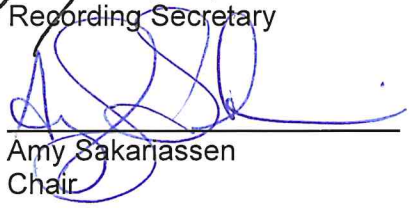
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Sakariassen declared the meeting of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 3:50 p.m. to meet again on May 15, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Tom Baker Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Bogaczyk
Recording Secretary



Amy Sakariassen
Chair