

Dickinson Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Report February 11, 2020

The Dickinson Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by the Chair 4:06 pm at the Dickinson Museum Center, it being noted that a quorum was not present.

Present: Steve Josephson, Commissioner/Chair, City/County Planner, Troy Price, Commissioner (via telephone), Walter Hadley, Dickinson City Planner, *ex officio*, Bob Fuhrman, Historic Preservationist/Museum Director, City of Dickinson, *ex officio*.

Minutes

Minutes of December 10th were approved with a typo correction on motion of Steve with second by Troy, unanimously carried. The meeting report of January 14th (which had no quorum and thus was not an official meeting) was filed.

Update on related initiatives related to or impacting Historic Preservation

- Renaissance Zone activity – Steve reported on three in-process applications:
 1. Odyssey Theater project – Walter is working with Odyssey on design standards to meet zoning district requirements.
 2. The restaurant project on 2nd Street West will be going to the Planning and Zoning Commission on 3/18/2020. Design standards are also being discussed.
 3. A potential Renaissance Zone project in the old Ivanhoe Building on East Villard was discussed – development of ground floor retail and apartment space above having been mentioned. Also – it was noted that the Infinity Real Estate project is finished and awaiting the certificate of occupancy. Further, Steve reported that the 2020 census results could result in up to two more square blocks becoming available under state statute.
- Public Square Project – Walter reported there was no new information.
- Façade Improvement Program – no new information.
- Bob reported that the Museum Center has received a State Historical Society of North Dakota grant to assist with restoration work on the old South Heart Depot in Prairie Outpost Park.
- Steve reported on grant programs related to planning partnerships and Main Street Vibrancy which were discussed at a Vision West function.
- Steve also discussed the downtown overlay district and some potential changes to be discussed at the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Old Business

Local Landmarks Plaques – no report.

New Business

There was a general discussion/review of the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance with it being noted that Paige Worley's term is up for renewal in June 2020 and Steve, Jared and Troy's terms are up for renewal in 2022. It was agreed to review the powers of the commission as described in the ordinance pursuant to discussion at the March meeting. It was also noted that the formal election of the Chair for 2020 needed to be held at the March meeting.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 4:55 on motion of Troy. These minutes submitted by Bob Fuhrman, secretary *pro-tem*.