

MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
SIoux FALLS BOARD OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Wednesday, August 13th, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Old Council Chambers, City Hall, 224 West 9th Street

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Woodside, Jeff Dolan, Stacy Newcomb-Weiland, Jeff Dunn, Kevin Gansz, Anita Kealey, Margaret Preston

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Thormodsgard, Greg McMahan, Sean Ervin

GUESTS: Carol Mashek, Chris Rossing, Kermit Staggers, and Greg Allis

Matt Woodside, Board Chair called the meeting to order at: 5:05 P.M. A quorum was present for all action items.

Greg Allis provided the board with a presentation of the weatherball restoration project he is doing. Allis would like to acquire the weatherball currently owned by U.S. Bank at 33rd St and Minnesota Ave. His proposal includes restoring and repairing the weatherball and placing it a public location, possibly with a plaque or marker. The Board expressed interest in seeing the weatherball preserved. Chris Rossing from the Kirby Science Center suggested it be used as an interpretive item within their center as a possible site for the weather ball. The board suggested this opportunity be pursued further. It was noted that as the Washington Pavilion is on the National Register, that the placement of the ball at this location would need to come back to the BOHP for review.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes.

Motion by Kevin Gansz, second by Stacy Newcomb-Wieland to approve the July 9, 2008 meeting minutes.

The motion carried on voice vote.

A discussion of the demolition permit at 311 N. Spring Ave concluded with no new updates or information. It was noted that the structure can be demolished after August 4, 2008 per city regulations. Staff noted he is working with SHPO on clarifying historic reporting requirements for this property.

Staff discussed the status of the project at 127 N. Spring aka Faith Family Church, noting that they had not received any response to the letter that staff drafted on behalf of the Board and sent to Faith Family Church regarding the Board's position on the use of EIFS.

Staff reminded the Board of the McKennan Park Centennial Event. The Board was informed that the event was well attended. Members and guests were given the souvenir brochure and lapel pin from the celebration.

The Board discussed the recent approval of the Capital Improvement Plan. The plan included a continuation of Façade Easement Program funds. Staff noted that for the years 2012 and 2013, an additional \$25,000 was proposed in the Mayor's draft Capital Improvement Plan for the façade easement program, which brought the total funding to \$175,000 in those years for a total CIP of \$800,000

Staff informed the Board that the city continues to be involved in the Pettigrew Heights neighborhood and those efforts. The board was reminded that in the upcoming months a historic survey of the Pettigrew Heights area would be done.

An extension of the CLG Grant was discussed by staff. The extension date was through August 22, 2008 for the past years grant. The Board was asked about their priorities for spending the remaining funds. The discussion included updating the walking tour maps, equipment for the Home Show, including a TV, laptop, audio visual equipment etc. The discussion also included BOHP t-shirts and trinkets, and buying books to be given to the library or the museum.

Revisions to ordinance 19 ½ were discussed and agreed upon. Staff presented a timeline with key steps in the approval process outlined. The discussion included the timeline, strategies for approval, communication with the council, and the overall goals. Newcomb-Weiland asked for the revisions to include "deterioration by neglect" and "re-building footprint" clauses be inserted as well.

Motion by Jeff Dunn to have staff draft the revisions to 19 ½ with the attorney's office and bring it back to the board. Seconded by Margaret Preston.

During discussion of the motion, a question was asked regarding the Ordinance Revision Committee and if the committee should reconvene on this matter. As the existing committee never disbanded, the Board agreed to have the Chair schedule a meeting of the committee for future discussion on the ordinance process.

The Motion passed on a voice vote.

Staff provided the Board with an update on the permits that had been received and reviewed. The Kuehn Warehouse at 401 N. Phillips Avenue was discussed due to a project to replace the windows. Staff indicated the project included replacing all windows in the building. The replacement windows would be similar to those in the Albert House building. There would be no alteration to the building other than the actual window replacement; no openings would be altered. Staff also indicated that the current windows were metal and not original. The large window openings on first floor had been modified previously would not be altered either. Staff asked the board to make a recommendation of the project having an "adverse or non-adverse effect." The board indicated that the project technically did not have an adverse effect, but was interested in restoring the original window openings on the first floor. Staff stated that in conversations with the project manager, it was noted that the original first-floor ceiling had been lowered making it difficult to restore the windows. Kealy and Dolan discussed the possibility of restoring the openings while still accommodating the altered ceiling. The Board felt this was possible.

Motion by Kevin Gansz stating the project does not create an adverse effect; however the project manager should give full consideration to restoring the arches in the bottom story windows prior to approval of the permit.
Second by Anita Kealey.

Motion carried on voice vote.

Jeff Dunn notified the Board that a historic marker sign had been broken on Algonquin street. He requested that Staff inform Bruce Blake that it will be fixed as soon as possible.

Margaret Preston asked if the Board had any say about what can be placed in historic parks. Discussion centered on the new "Potato Man" sculpture within McKennan Park. Staff will look into this issue for next meeting.

The Board confirmed the next meeting will be held on September 10, 2008 at 4 pm in the Old Council Chambers.

Attendance of members was discussed. Without action, the Board agreed to have staff notify the Mayor's office of frequent membership absenteeism and the Chair to call these individuals.

ITEM 7. Adjournment

Motion by Dunn, seconded by Newcomb-Weiland to adjourn.
The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.