



*Promoting the use and conservation of historic properties for the education,
inspiration, pleasure and enrichment of the citizens of Sioux Falls*

Regular Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2020

Members Present:

Rachael Meyerink
Lura Roti
Shelly Sjovold
Lynn Remmers
Alex Halbach

Staff Present:

Diane deKoeper, Neighborhood & Preservation Planner, Staff Liaison

Public in Attendance:

Robbie Veurink, ME
Keith Thompson, KH Architects

Members Absent:

Kathy Renken
Tom Keller
Jennifer Dumke
Pam Cole

Call to Order and Quorum Determination

Chairperson Rachael Meyerink called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Rachael Meyerink welcomed Board members and guests and gave introductory comments.

Approval of Regular Agenda

Chairperson Rachael Meyerink requested a motion to approve the regular agenda. Member Lura Roti made the motion to approve the regular agenda. Member Pam Cole seconded the motion. The motion to approve the regular agenda passed unanimously.

Approval of the January 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Rachael Meyerink requested a motion to approve the January 12, 2020 meeting minutes. Diane stated that she would add the note that Member Halbach tried to call into the meeting, but due to technology challenges at City Center, was unable to. Member Lura Roti made the motion to approve the minutes as noted and Member Alex Halbach seconded the motion. The motion to approve the January 12, 2020, meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items (five-minute period)

None

New Business

A. Carnegie Ramp
Downtown Historic District & NR Listing

Robbie Veurink, ME
Keith Thompson, KH Architects

At the request of the City, the existing ADA ramp at the Carnegie Town Hall is structurally deficient and in need of replacement with a new steel and galvanized finish. The existing railing no longer meets building code and the concrete where the railings are connected are deteriorating after approximately thirty years.

The ramp will meet ADA and the new stairs will be compliant with current building code. Existing steel railings will be replaced with galvanized metal to minimize rust and corrosion from salt. A grate system will be used at the stairs and ramp with exception of the last 9 feet of the ramp which will be constructed of concrete. The grate system will allow for exposure to the quartzite building and natural light into the lower level windows.

Discussion and comments were the following:

- Black painted railings were preferred so the stairs and ramp were less obvious, but due to maintenance of painted surfaces, this wasn't desirable.
- Ice and snow can also build-up on the grate system and can become quite slippery, but is still an advantage over the ice and snow build-up on concrete.

Robbie stated that the project would bid in approximately two months for spring/summer construction.

Member Halbach made the motion to approve the reconstruction of the stairs and ramp at the Carnegie and that it would not have an adverse effect on the historic district. Member Roti seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by the remaining board members.

B. Irving School/Apartments – Section 106 Review

Diane explained that even though the Irving School is not listed on the National Register, it would be eligible. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 ensures that federal agencies take preservation values into consideration when they propose a project that may affect historic properties. Due to HUD and SDHA funding for the Irving Apartment, they are required to stop and look at the consequences the project could have on the existing historically significant project. The Section 106 review requires a property owner to prevent, minimize or mitigate the adverse effects of demolishing the Irving School. The proposed MOA will include mitigation of the project with the following:

- Photographic Documentation of the building
- Existing Record Search and Reproduction
- Multiple Property Listing Document
- Historic Marker
- Design of New Irving Center Apartments to include existing glass block

C. Window Restoration Contractor – May Preservation Month Activity

The BoHP will host a seminar by David White out of Omaha to teach attendees about restoring wood windows for historic homes. The seminar is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at the Women's History Club from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Space will be limited and a sign-up will be available when the consultant is finalized.

Unfinished Business

A. Endangered Site List

The board is interested in speaking with the East Side Presbyterian Church since they had expressed interest in listing their property on the National Register.

Shelly continues to research Ward Whitwam and the board has interest in nominating his original office at 600 N. West Ave. The owner of the property is related to Diane's neighbor and she will do some checking to see if the owner would be interested in listing the property to the National Register.

B. Administratively Approved Projects

See the attached list in the agenda packet.

Reviews were updated since the January 2020 meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, the Board of Historic Preservation meeting adjourned at approximately 5:04 pm.