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MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

HPC Members Present: Heidi Heinze, Mark Anderson, Jayne Hoffman, Denton Anderson, Michael Page, Jeff Bjork, Pam Friede

HPC Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brandy Howe, Sam Wessel

Others Present: Sean Downing

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2019

Bjork moved to amend the minutes to correct an error in the adjournment motion.

M/Bjork, S/Friede – motion carried 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

M. Anderson reported that he will be hosting a Third Thursday discussion group at the Library on February 21st. The topic for February will be *Views from the Mound*. Heinze reported that she will be presenting to the Garden Club on March 4th and to Tuesday Club on February 26th.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Power Plant – Local Landmark

Heinze prepared a draft letter to Scot Simpson regarding the proposed landmark designation for the Power Plant/site. The letter was provided in hard copy to the HPC at the meeting. After some discussion, it was decided that the Commissioners would review the letter on their own time and provide comments to Heinze via email. They will discuss changes and possibly approve the letter at the March meeting.

2. Chapter 3 of the Preservation Plan

Staff prepared draft revisions to Chapter 3 of the Preservation Plan. The HPC reviewed the proposed changes and suggested some additional revisions. Howe will revise the documents and provide a clean (non-track changes) version at the March meeting.

3. Veteran's Park Plaque

Heinze reported that she and Hoffman visited the UWRF Archives to do some research on the history of Veteran's Park. It was noted that they have not been able to find documentation that supports the idea that the park was a gathering place to review the list of war casualties. There was some discussion

about the focus of the plaque being changed to the park as a place for celebration. Heinze and Hoffman will keep digging into the history to see what else the might find.

4. NPS Grant Opportunity for Swinging Bridge Restoration

Heinze reported that a grant is available for CLG communities with National Register property projects. She suggested that the Commission consider apply for a grant to clean-up the Swinging Bridge. It is now eligible since being placed on the National Register last July and with the new plaque on the bridge, it is evident that it could use some TLC. Howe will talk to Mike Stifter to see if this is an appropriate project to take on. Page will reach out to architects to find out what the scope/cost of such a project might be. The grant deadline is April 1, 2019.

CALENDAR

Next meeting March 13, 2019.

AJOURNMENT

Friede made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

M/Friede, S/Page – motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandy Howe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brandy Howe, Senior Planner