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**MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

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

HPC Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brandy Howe, Sam Wessel

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2019

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bjork thanked the HPC for their thoughtfulness in sending a get-well card sent in April.

Heinze reported that she submitted an application for the Big Idea Grant in partnership with the Park Board for educational programming at Glover School.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Power Plant – Local Landmark

Heinze provided an update on the April 10th meeting with Scot Simpson to discuss the potential landmark nomination for the power plant. She reported that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was suggested as an alternative to a resolution of support from the City Council to landmark the power plant. It was noted that the Commission should consider the impacts of landmarking the entire site vs. the building. For example, the dam would become part of the landmarked site, which may not be the intent of the Commission. M. Anderson noted that the observation point across the river, opposite of the power plant is an area that might be better preserved through a partnership with the Park Board rather than with a landmark designation. Page noted that because city staff is currently working to identify and clean up environmental hazards in the building/site, it may not be the right time to move forward with landmarking at this time. He added that he agrees that it is an HPC priority to landmark the power plant but he does not see it as something that needs to be rushed at this time. Bjork suggested that it may be important to stay ahead of city decision-making in order to guide the Council toward the goals of the HPC. M. Anderson offered to revise the draft map depicting potential landmark areas to be brought back to the HPC for more discussion.

2. Local Landmark/National Register Outreach

Heinze presented a draft letter that was discussed, and additional revisions were suggested. It was decided the letter should be sent to addresses that have been designated on the National Register as well as those that are eligible for nomination. It was also decided to send the letters out to gauge interest from property owners before setting up a workshop with Joe DeRose of WHS.

3. River Falls Days Postcard

The Commission reviewed several options and selected three images for postcards. Hoffman volunteered to draft an informational paragraph for each to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. Veteran's Park Plaque

Heinze reported that Neal Anderson will be getting feedback on the draft plaque narrative from the American Legion. If it is approved as submitted, Howe will request a quote and proof from Pella Engraving.

5. Plaque for the Walker Farm

Two quotes from Pella Engraving were included in the packet. Heinze reported that it is Carole Mottaz's preference to go with the 14'x20' zinc plaque at \$609.62, with the cost to be shared between her and the HPC. Howe will request a proof to be reviewed at the next HPC meeting.

6. Foster Cemetery Markers Follow-up

Hoffman reported that there is no update to offer at this time.

7. Preservation Plan Draft

The Commission decided to place this item on the June agenda to allow time for a more thorough discussion.

CALENDAR

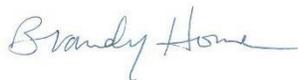
Next meeting June 12, 2019.

AJOURNMENT

Friede made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

M/Friede, S/D. Anderson – motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,



Brandy Howe, Senior Planner