

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Historic Preservation Plan Subcommittee**  
**January 19, 2020**

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Online Meeting

12:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

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**Meeting Summary**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Participating members introduced themselves, including affiliations and areas of expertise. In attendance were subcommittee members Tory Jackson – Chair, Blake Dinkins, Sarah Walker and Jim Christianson. Staff members present included Daniel Nairn and Will Hutchings.

The meeting was held online using the Microsoft Teams platform.

**2. Overview of Subcommittee Purpose**

Chair Jackson provided an overview of the development of the draft Historic Preservation Plan and outlined the specific objectives and work product this subcommittee has been asked to accomplish. The sub-committee's role will be to develop a section of the Plan that identifies and defines historical eras and themes which would be presented in an info-graphic format and organized as a timeline. Will Hutchings noted the aim with this project would be to create an outline of the high-level historic events that occurred, and the ideal resulting product and descriptions should be short and succinct.

**3. Proposed Timeline**

Chair Jackson outlined the proposed timeline of subcommittee's tasks from the provided meeting agenda attachment titled "Overview Historic Preservation Plan Sub-Committee." A regular monthly meeting date and time was set for the third Tuesday of every month at Noon.

**4. Review of Proposed Historic Eras and Themes**

Chair Jackson outlined the proposed Historic Era and Themes from the provided meeting agenda attachment titled "Overview Historic Preservation Plan Sub-Committee." It was noted that these were identified by the Historic Preservation

Commission with the understanding that some level of refinement may be necessary as the sub-committee identifies pertinent historic content for inclusion

**5. Review of Model Preservation Plan**

Chair Jackson and Will Hutchings provided a review of an excerpt from the Plano TX, historic preservation plan that the Historic Preservation Commission has identified as a model for this subcommittee project. Chair Jackson also indicated that once this is complete the timeline and the content identified to construct the timeline could also be used in other ways including historical education/promotion efforts.

**6. Identification and Assignment of Sub-Committee Member Roles**

Chair Jackson outlined the various proposed sub-committee member roles and noted that these are not to be rigid nor is it required that members only serve one role. He asked participants if they had any initial thoughts on which roles they may be interested in.

The following participant roles were noted by attendees:

Chair Jackson	Contributor/Identifier/Researcher/Writer
Blake Dinkins	Layout/Formatting and Contributor
Sarah Walker	Contributor/Identifier/Researcher/Writer(s) and Editor/Quality Control
Jim Christianson	Editor, Writing and Contributor
Will Hutchings	Point contact between all subcommittee member
Kathy Waldera	<i>* In a post meeting follow-up, Ms. Waldera indicated interest in serving as Bibliographer(s)/Archivist and other roles as necessary.</i>

**7. Discussion on development of material for the ‘Bismarck’s Early Years’ ‘Native Landscape (10,000 BC to 1738)’ & ‘~~Growing Capital City~~’ ‘Pre-Founding or Before Bismarck (1738 to 1872)’ eras \***

*\*Staff noted the two eras indicated on the agenda were incorrectly listed. The discussion focused on the Native Landscape and Founding/Before Bismarck eras.*

Participants were asked to take some time during the meeting to brainstorm some ideas for potential content for the two eras as well as associated themes. The following is a bulleted list of topics discussed.

*Native Landscape:*

- Mandan Village Sites – Show a map depicting present day Bismarck with historical Mandan Village Sites with a short narrative depiction of Mandan tribal heritage
- Show photos of artwork and artifacts (pottery, jewelry, etc.)
- A map could be used to depict elements of geology and cover some of the themes including the Missouri River, trade routes, Bull Boats
- Timeline should include information about Tribal Governance (Specifically mentioned was MHA traditional governance structures)
- The business and economy theme could be used to highlight the continental trade network that generally centered in the area.
- General highlight could note the seeds and crops grown here as well as native plants and animals
- David Borlaug (who is the head of Capital Gallery) may be a good resource to provide documented cultural items including some Karl Bodmer paintings (Swiss-French painter who in 1833-1834 and painted pictures of various Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara and their villages, etc.)
- Emphasis should be made to focus on all the tribes with historical connections to the area
- Tribal buildings/homes should be highlighted

*Pre-Founding or Before Bismarck:*

- Topics and highlights should include
  - Steamboats
  - Grant Marsh
  - Railroad
  - Stage line routes
  - Whiskey Point
  - Burleigh Town
  - Pierre Gaultier de La Vérendrye and fur traders
  - Lewis and Clark and Corp of Discovery
  - Establishment of Camp Hancock
  - Louisiana Purchase
  - Plat of Edwinton
  - Native American migration north caused by European settlement
  - Apple Creek Engagement
  - Early Construction/Architecture

## **8. Other Discussion**

Participants discussed if certain people will take responsibility for each topic. For now, it was decided that each can do research on topics they have resources for. In the future the subcommittee may choose to be more prescriptive.

Participants were reminded that all content should be sent directly to staff who will coordinate with the appropriate subcommittee member to add the information to the bibliography and for the timeline layout and graphic design.

## **9. Adjourn**

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2021 at 12:00 PM.