

**BISMARCK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2021**

The Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission met on January 20, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. in the Tom Baker Meeting Room in the City-County Office Building, 221 North 5th Street. Due to ongoing public health concerns related to COVID-19, the meeting was held via Zoom. Chair Sakariassen presided remotely.

Commissioners present were Steve Bakken, Blake Dinkins, Calvin Grinnell, Tory Jackson, Beth Nodland, Walt Bailey and Amy Sakariassen.

Staff members present were Hilary Balzum – Community Development Senior Administrative Assistant, Janelle Combs – City Attorney, Will Hutchings – Planner and Kim Lee – Planning Manager and Ben Ehreth – Community Development Director.

MINUTES

Chair Sakariassen called for consideration of the minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bakken to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dinkins and with Commissioners Bakken, Bailey, Dinkins, Jackson, Nodland and Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

Commissioner Grinnell joined the meeting at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments provided at this time.

UPDATE ON BNSF RAIL BRIDGE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

Mr. Ehreth gave a brief history of the process overview related to the BNSF Rail Bridge Programmatic Agreement. He explained what a programmatic agreement is and what it does and stated he has received the final signed programmatic agreement as of today.

Mr. Ehreth then defined those involved with developing the agreement and their roles, as well as the permitting process and time frame. He closed by sharing an overview of what will happen next and what the permitting process is like locally.

Chair Sakariassen thanked Mr. Ehreth and said it likely that this group will be consulted at some point so it is important to have received this update.

Commissioner Dinkins asked what the three previous Historic Preservation Commission recommendations are that made it into the Programmatic Agreement.

Mr. Ehreth said the recommendations are to be a signatory to the agreement, to have a design review committee and to notify the Indian Affairs Commission, which he understands has already happened.

OTHER BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Bakken made a motion to re-elect Amy Sakariassen as the Chair of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Nodland seconded the motion and with Commissioners Bakken, Bailey, Dinkins, Grinnell, Jackson and Nodland voting in favor of the motion, Amy Sakariassen was reelected Chair of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Sakariassen abstained.

Commissioner Dinkins made a motion to re-elect Beth Nodland as the Vice Chair of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and with Commissioners Bakken, Bailey, Dinkins, Grinnell, Jackson and Sakariassen voting in favor of the motion, Beth Nodland was reelected Vice Chair of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Nodland abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hutchings shared that the first Historic Preservation Commission Subcommittee meeting was held recently and said Commissioner Jackson can share his take on that.

Commissioner Jackson said he felt the meeting was very productive and is looking forward to the future meetings.


Chair Sakariassen asked who are the members that make up that committee.

Commissioner Jackson said himself, Commissioners Nodland and Dinkins, Jim Christianson, Jack Dura, Dakota Good House, Kate Waldera and Sarah Walker were all present.

ADJOURNMENT

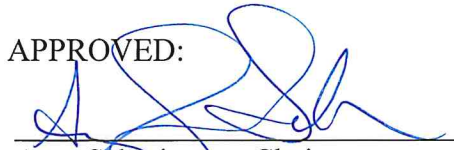
There being no further business, Chair Sakariassen declared the meeting of the Bismarck Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 3:57 p.m. to meet again on February 17, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hilary Balzum
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Amy Sakariassen, Chair