

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Historic Preservation Plan Subcommittee
MEETING AGENDA
February 16, 2021

Online Meeting

12:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

Member in attendance were Tory Jackson – Chair, Blake Dinkins, Sarah Walker, Jim Christianson, Jack Dura, Kate Waldera, and Beth Nodland. Staff members present included Daniel Nairn, Will Hutchings and Sandra Bogaczyk. Nikiya Carrero with KX News was also in attendance.

The meeting was held online using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Meeting Summary

1. Review and Discussion on development of material for the ‘Native Landscape’ & ‘Pre-Founding or Before Bismarck’ eras (attachment).

Chair Jackson gave an overview of the draft of the elements for inclusion in both the Native Landscape and Pre-Founding eras. Staff sought clarification on the proper spelling for Chief Looking(‘s’)? Village. Subcommittee members discussed the following additions and refinements to the draft:

- Smallpox Epidemic of 1781 & 1837 should be added
- Break up the first 12,000 years better since it is such a long period
- Focus more on the people who lived here and less focus on the artifacts in the Native Landscape era.
- For the Mandan tribes, talk more about their homeland, territory and vast trading network
- David Borlaug was identified as a resource for images. Sarah Walker also agreed to help source some images

2. Preliminary Discussion and Identification of Content for the ‘Bismarck’s Early Years’ and ‘Growing Capital City’ eras.

The following topics were identified for inclusion in the Bismarck Early Years era:

- Camp Hancock
- Founding of Bismarck
- Railroad
- Custer/Little Bighorn

- Mark Kellogg
- Linda Slaughter
- 1898 Fire & Governor who died
- Debate about the state capital location
- Early settlers (wood-cutters)
- Bloody 4th Street
- Early architecture (wood vs brick buildings)
- Development of Cemeteries - Boot Hill and Catholic
- Early Brick Buildings erected prior to the fire
- Early Black inhabitants
- Alexander McKenzie
- Population Stats
- Street Network Map/Stats

The following topics were identified for inclusion in the Growing Capital City era:

- Old Capitol Building
- Discussion and Debate about the new Capitol building, construction and laying the cornerstone
- New Cap
- Prohibition and its affect on North Dakota and Bismarck
- Houses of ill-repute
- Cleaning up the city (Saloons and Brothels)
- Institutions (St. Alexis, Tribune)
- Era Bell Thompson
- Oscar Will Seed Company (Include posters)
- Railroad and building of the bridge
- Steamboats and ferries
- Hughes Company – Electricity and Trolley
- WWI
- Building of Highway 10
- Memorial Bridge
- Flu Epidemic
- Indian Boarding School
- Clem Busch Letters - greek family
- Iconic buildings
 - Patterson, Depot, Capital Grounds (early State Historic Office), Federal Building, Carnegie Library, City Auditorium, Sheridan House relocation in 1921)
- Baseball History
- Population Stats
- Street Network Map/Stats

The following subcommittee member assignments were identified:

- Tory Jackson – Mark Kellogg, founding of Bismarck including plat and name, railroad and railroad bridge, Camp Hancock, Custer and Little Bighorn

- Jack Dura – Flu pandemic, Alexander McKenzie and Capital burning
- Sara Walker – Help with Capital burning, Linda Slaughter, WWI, Capital cornerstone, Prohibition and Suffragist Movement, State Library, Era Bell Thompson
- Beth Nodland – Highway 10 and Memorial Bridge, steamboats and ferries, Bloody 4th, Hughes Electricity
- Jim Christianson – Downtown Historic Buildings pamphlet – Noted this can be used verbatim
- Daniel Nairn – 1898 Fire and Map

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