

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Historic Preservation Plan Subcommittee
MEETING SUMMARY
March 16, 2021

Online Meeting

12:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

Members in attendance were Tory Jackson – Chair, Kate Waldera, Jim Christianson, Sarah Walker, Beth Nodland and Blake Dinkins. Staff members in attendance were Will Hutchings, Daniel Nairn and Sandra Bogaczyk.

The meeting was held online using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Meeting Summary

1. Final Review of the ‘Native Landscape’ and ‘Pre-Founding’ eras and assignment of final editing tasks.

Members reviewed the ‘Native Landscape’ and ‘Pre-Founding’ eras and suggested the following additions and edits:

- Add more information about early history in the Native Landscape era
- Add population estimates to both eras
- Blake Dinkins asked for high quality scans of images in this and future eras

2. Preliminary review and discussion of timeline layout and style.

Subcommittee member Dinkins provided an overview of his initial draft of the timeline layout and style. He emphasized that this was a first attempt and sought feedback from the subcommittee on the style. A discussion about various ways to present this information ensued. Subcommittee member Nodland stated she thinks the timeline looks great. She suggested that the timeline also include the native names for the identified sites. Subcommittee members added that a wavy timeline was better than a straight timeline. Logos for each theme still need to be created and each event’s theme(s) will need to be added.

3. Review and Discussion on development of material for the ‘Bismarck’s Early Years’ and ‘Growing Capital City’ eras.

Chair Jackson asked subcommittee members to provide feedback on material identified for the Bismarck Early Years and Growing Capital City eras.

Subcommittee members discussed the following content additions and edits:

- Add Military theme for all eras
- Judicial use of space constraints should be considered when deciding which destroyed/lost buildings should be highlighted.
- The source information for Historic Downtown Bismarck, Bismarck Historical Society was originally authored the Bismarck Downtowners. Jim Christianson was responsible for the second update and Frank E. Vyzralek authored the third update.

The following additions and subcommittee members assignments were identified:

- Split of Dakota Territory – Sarah Walker
- Narrative about Bismarck Fire – Daniel Nairn
- Information about Dr. Henry R. Porter and Dr. Quain and his wife – Jim Christianson
- Clement Lounsberry – Sarah Walker
- Carnegie Library - Kate Waldera
- Early Black Residents – Beth Nodland
- Early Greek Brothers – Beth Nodland
- Presidential Visits (Teddy Roosevelt; Rutherford B. Hayes – land ownership) – Sarah Walker
- Oscar and George Will – Tory Jackson (narrative) / Blake (visuals)
- Bismarck Tribune and other Media – Jack Dura
- Nonpartisan League – Tory Jackson
- Street Cars – **unassigned**

- Preliminary Discussion and Identification of Content for the ‘Tumultuous Years’ and ‘Post World War II and Mid-Century Growth’ eras.

Chair Jackson asked subcommittee members to identify material for the Tumultuous Years and Post World War II and Mid-Century Growth eras. The following content and subcommittee members assignments were identified:

- Satchel Paige – Tory Jackson
- Internment Camp at Fort Lincoln/Peace Corps -Tory Jackson
- Works Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corp Projects -Tory Jackson
- Founding of Fraine Barracks – Tory Jackson
- Founding of Bismarck College – Tory Jackson
- Cornerstone of Capitol – Tory Jackson
- Highland Acres - Tory Jackson
- Building of Garrison Dam – Tory Jackson
- Construction of I-94 – Tory Jackson
- Building of Marcel Breuer - Tory Jackson
- Wachers – Development of land in South Bismarck - **unassigned**

- Kirkwood Mall
- Civic Center
- Zoning History of Bismarck – Community Development Staff
- Opening Dakota Zoo – 1961 – Jim Christianson
- Langer and Recall Election – Tory Jackson
- Arrowhead Plaza - unassigned
- Bismarck Elks Swimming Pool - unassigned
- Development of Parks (Zonta, Sertoma, Custer) - unassigned
- WW2 – Sarah Walker
- Hughes Family - Beth Nodland
- Capital City Electric, Basin Electric & MDU – Beth Nodland
- Harold Schafer – Gold Seal Company & Gold Seal Building - unassigned
- Art Deco Style Buildings – Blake Dinkins
- Cathedral District – Tory Jackson
- John Kushman, Kushman Manufacturing, Spray CoOp & Bobcat - unassigned
- Ritterbush Architect – Will Hutchings
 - Thompson House, Previous Governor’s Mansion
- Population Estimates for both eras – Will Hutchings

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2021.