

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Historic Preservation Plan Subcommittee**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**May 18, 2021**

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Online Meeting

12:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

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Members in attendance were Tory Jackson – Chair, Kate Waldera, Jim Christianson, Jack Dura, Sarah Walker, Beth Nodland and Blake Dinkins. Staff members in attendance were Will Hutchings and Sandra Bogaczyk. Others in attendance were Anniue Lockard, Weston Dressler, Rich Garman, Tina Stanger and Melissa Barth from 2021 Leadership Bismarck-Mandan class.

This meeting will be held online using the Microsoft Teams platform.

**Meeting Summary**

**1. Review of Proposed Historic Sites for Interpretative Signage - Leadership Bismarck Mandan**

Members of the 2021 Leadership Bismarck-Mandan class participated in the meeting to discuss proposed historic sites for the installation of interpretive signage. The proposed sites are the Rail Depot, Belle Mehus Auditorium, Former Governor’s Mansion, Patterson Hotel, Capital Theatre Building, Weather Beacon on the Provident, St. Alexius Hospital, World War Memorial Building, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library and Cathedral District. Subcommittee members reviewed the proposed sites and noted no objections. After the discussion the members of the 2021 Leadership Bismarck-Mandan class left the meeting.

**2. Review and Assignment of Previously Identified & Outstanding Historic Events.**

Subcommittee members reviewed a list of previously identified historic events that have not been covered or assigned. Members agreed to the following assignments:

Beth Nodland: Native Architecture/Homes; Important Native People; Early Architecture / Early Building Construction; Native American migrations due to European Settlement; Arrowhead Plaza; Electric Companies; and Ferries.

Blake Dinkins: Art Deco Style Buildings; Building of Garrison Dam; and Oscar Will.

Jack Dura: New Capitol Building.

Jim Christianson: Bodmer Paintings; Wachter's Development South of Bismarck including Civic Center and Kirkwood Mall; Dakota Zoo; Harold Schafer – Gold Seal Company and Building; John Kirschmann Manufacturing, Spray CoOp & Bobcat; Ritterbush – Architect.

Kate Waldera: Burleigh Town / Wood Cutters / Whiskey Point.

Sarah Walker: St Alexius; Cleaning up the City of Bismarck; State Library; Internment Camp at Ft Lincoln / Peace Corps; Work Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corp Projects; WW2; UMary - Buildings of Marcel Breuer; and Early Cemeteries – Boothill and Catholic.

Tory Jackson: Development of Parks (Zonta, Sibley, Sertoma, Custer, etc); Indian Boarding School (1907-1937); Baseball / Satchel Paige; Cathedral District; Bismarck Junior / Bismarck State College; Founding of Fraine Barracks (1945); Langer and Recall Election; and Highland Acres.

Will Hutchings: Maps of Area throughout each era; Population Statistics each era; Construction of I-94; and Zoning History of Bismarck.

### **Identification of Editor Role(s)**

Mr. Hutchings asked subcommittee members if they felt it was necessary to identify an editor role and start editing content so that it will fit within the proposed printed timeline. Members recommended waiting until after all content was complete and the entire subcommittee could jointly edit their assigned historical events to provide a longer online narrative and shorter print narrative.

### **3. Preliminary Discussion and Identification of Content for the 'A Maturing City' (1965 to 1999) and 'Bismarck Today' (1999 to Present) eras**

Subcommittee members identified the following content to include within these two eras:

Urban Renewal and Chancellor Square; Oil Boom and its effect on Bismarck; Original Airport; New Airport; Governor's Mansion (demolished); New Governor's Mansion; Bullets for Each School Opening Dates; Centennial Celebration; Heritage Center; Carson Wentz; Cara Mund; McQuades Softball Tournament; Virgil Hill; Bismarck Expressway; State Street Commercial Development; Pinehurst Square Shopping Center; 125 year Celebration; Building Boom DT (Patterson Renovation, St Alexius Expansion, Sheridan-Radisson, Med Center/Sanford); Downtown (Wells Fargo and Century Link

Buildings); New ND State Bank Building; New Memorial Bridge; Renovation of the Ballpark; Cathedral District NPS NRHP Nomination; Downtown Bismarck NPS NRHP Nomination; ND State Penitentiary; Weather Events (1966 Blizzard, Flood 2011, Microbursts, 1980s Drought); Riverfront Development (Marinas and Bays); City of Lincoln; Provident Building; City/County Building; YMCA; Frank Bavendick; Harley McDowell & Big Boy; List of Mayors - Date of Appointment; Northward Development (North of I-94); Gateway Mall; Side List of Notable People; Bismarck Bobcats Hockey Team; and Bismarck Larks Baseball Team.

**4. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

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