

Dickinson Historic Preservation Commission

December 13, 2007 – Joachim Museum

President Barbara Laman called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm at the Joachim Museum.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Laman, Travis Bean, Aaron Gjermundson, Jon Brudvig

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce MacDuffie, Laurie Yourk, Quita Hartfiel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jessica Magnuson, Danielle Stuckle, Executive Director, Dickinson Museum Center; Terri Thiel, Executive Director, Dickinson CVB.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Motion: Gjermundson **Second:** Travis

To approve the minutes of the November 17, 2007 meeting as read.

Disposition: Motion passed on voice vote

OLD BUSINESS

Local Landmark: Stuckle presented a revised outline for the nomination forms, to encourage more local involvement as national registration forms often intimidate many people. The HPC could approve of local landmarks, and offer consideration of further recommendations for the National Register. Forms are to be considered and reviewed, and feedback encouraged. Stuckle wishes to have HPC approval of the program and implementation by this coming May.

NEW BUSINESS

Elks: Danielle Stuckle reported that the Elks building has been stabilized and the developer intends to move on with the projects. A spark which smoldered in the wall was determined to be the cause of the fire. Stuckle will have further updates after January, when the National Register nomination will be reviewed by the State Preservation Review Board.

Hutmacher Site: PND is working on fundraising specifically for the Hutmacher site. Work at the site will resume in May.

Renaissance Zone: There is one pending application, the Mackoff Kellogg building. There have been some mixed feelings towards the proposed demolition of this structure, and it was seen as an opportunity to educate the public as to what being involved in the Renaissance Zone and/or on the National Historic Register involves and is limited to. Currently, the Mackoff Kellogg building is not listed on the National Historic Register. Being involved does not limit the rights of private property ownership. The Planning and Zoning commission would like to see a report on the progress of the approved projects in the Renaissance Zone, so Stuckle will be reporting on this early in 2008. There is a one day conference to be held in Bismarck planned for February on Renaissance Zones.

CLG Grant Funding: Nothing needs to be submitted until February, and funding will assist in helping with city employment and educational workshops. Architectural survey possible; open for discussion.

Staff News:

- A. City Position – There were 47 applications for the museum assistant position. The civil service determines who is being interviewed.

- B. Rod Merkel – Rod has accepted the curator position at the Dunn County Historical Society and Museum and has also been accepted onto the board for Preservation North Dakota.

Kyle Thiel: Developed a GPS unit for the historic downtown walking tour. It can be hand-held or played through a car's radio as a user drives along. Kyle developed a user-guide and is working on a cost assessment for the device. Local radio voice 'Wild Bill' narrates the program.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:50 pm

Next meeting: 4:00pm; January 10, 2008; Joachim Museum