

Dickinson Historic Preservation Commission

March 13, 2008 – Dickinson Museum Center (Joachim Museum)

President Barbara Laman called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Laman, Travis Bean, Aaron Gjermundson, Jon Brudvig, and Laurie Yourk.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Quita Hartfiel, and Bruce MacDuffie

OTHERS PRESENT: Danielle Stuckle, Director, Dickinson Museum Center; Terri Thiel, Director, CVB; Emily Bradbury, Museum Assistant.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Motion: Yourk **Second:** Brudvig

To approve the minutes of the January 10, 2008 meeting.

Disposition: Motion passed on voice vote

OLD BUSINESS

Staff News: Stuckle introduced Emily Bradbury, who has been hired to fill the new Museum Assistant Position. She began work on February 4, 2008. Bradbury has a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a master's degree in History. She will be working primarily with exhibit development and collection management, but may assist with Historic Preservation and Renaissance Zone projects as well.

Local Landmark Program: Stuckle presented a revised outline for the nomination forms, and asked the commission to approve the forms and the program. Laman asked for a clarification of the program, and if the City Commission would be approving each application as well. Stuckle stated that she understood that the City Commission would be approving the overall program, but that the HPC would be giving final approval to the actual nominations once the program was implemented. She said she would check on this detail and verify if the City Commission need to approve each application.

Motion: Yourk **Second:** Gjermundson

To approve the Local Landmark program and nomination forms.

Disposition: Motion passed on voice vote

CLG Grant Funding: Stuckle provided an update on the 2008 CLG grant application. There was some trouble with a proposed project of nominating the first school building to the National Register due to the fact that it is a private residence. Stuckle has submitted alternate properties and is waiting to hear back from the state. An additional glitch is that Mary Kate Ryan, the architectural historian, is no longer with the SHSND and this may add to the complications of getting a project approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Session for PND conference in May: Stuckle has asked Kyle Thiel to make a presentation on Historic Downtown Dickinson and the related technology project he developed at DSU for the museum center. He'll present on this topic at the Preservation North Dakota annual conference on May 3 at the International Peach Garden.

Meeting with the Governor: Stuckle said she wasn't sure what this entails, but that PND will be meeting with the Governor and key staff in relation to projects that PND is working on. As president of PND, Stuckle was asked to attend.

Events and Activities: Stuckle is working to plan an event in May in relation to the Hutmacher site, and is interested in developing some type of ongoing event/program related to preservation—similar to the “Breakfast with a Preservationist” program in the Twin Cities. It was suggested that the local organization, Bad Lands Realtors might be a group to work with on events and programming in the future.

Discuss Future Topics: Stuckle will be leaving 2009 and 2010 CLG grant projects on the agenda for all upcoming meetings to keep the topic on the radar. Laman asked about past projects and the GIS project. Stuckle stated that past grants and projects had been completed. The surveys were never tied into a system so that they were available online through GIS, but Stuckle explained that she questioned the need for them to be available. The time involved to link them was probably not worth it. She explained some of the other issues involved and passed around a sample of a survey. Not all the information on the surveys is accurate, the important information can still be made available on line in the future, and the surveys are available to anyone researching particular properties. There was also the question of putting such information online and potential liability. Stuckle felt that it was valuable to obtain copies of the building surveys as museum and city staff use them on a regular basis, and they have been made available to researchers. However, she does not have the time, resources, or equipment available to set up a GIS linking system for the surveys. The pressing projects will be to have a Class 3 survey done of downtown Dickinson in 2009, followed up by a potential Historic District Nomination in 2010. Several organizations and community leaders are pressing to see a Historic District developed in Dickinson, and Stuckle is working on planning and developing those projects.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Stuckle apologized for omitting this detail at the January meeting, but election of Chair and Vice Chair had been overlooked. Current Chair is Barbara Laman, and current Vice Chair is Bruce MacDuffie.

Motion: Brudvig **Second:** Gjermundson

To approve the nomination and election of Laman as Chair and Yourk for Vice Chair.

Disposition: Motion passed on voice vote

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:05 pm

Next meeting: 4:00pm; April 10, 2008; Dickinson Museum Center