

Dickinson Historic Preservation Commission

October 11, 2007

Dickinson Museum Center (Joachim Museum)

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

Commission members in attendance: Barbara Laman, Bruce MacDuffie, Laurie Yourk, and Travis Bean.

Commission members absent: Aaron Gjermundson, and Quita Hartfiel.

Others present: Jon Brudvig, Danielle Stuckle, Executive Director of the Dickinson Museum Center; Jessica Magnuson, Museum Assistant; and Casey [student]

Approval of September Minutes

Motion: Bean *Second:* MacDuffie

Disposition: Motion passed on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report on the 2007 CLG workshop (Edinburg, September 22): The Dickinson area was well represented; Bruce MacDuffie, his wife Lee, Jessica Magnuson, and Danielle Stuckle were present. MacDuffie reported that there was a thorough presentation on heritage tourism, and the town of Edinburg is very proud of its community and reported the manner of the historic lighting and handsome park. The oxcart trail was the highlight of the event, a place that was recently placed on the National Register. There was even a real ox and cart present for the occasion. The owner of the ox and cart intends to make a trip across Minnesota next summer.

Local landmark update: Stuckle plans on having further revisions made, and an electronic copy to be presented at the next meeting, if possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Elks Building: Review was made of the application and criteria regarding the National Register Nomination of the Elks Building. Laman suggested the commission should approve of the nomination. Stuckle recommended that the commission needs to specify which, if all or any, criteria it supports.

Motion: MacDuffie *Second:* Yourk

To approve the Elks building for nomination on both criteria A, historical and criteria C, architectural, as proposed in the nomination as written.

Disposition: Motion passed on voice vote.

Walking Tours: Stuckle informed the committee that the tour guides received tips for some of the tours they gave. As it is against museum policy for them to keep tips, the tips are kept in a separate fund to be used specifically for the benefit of the tour guides (such as having a pizza party at the end of the season for staff appreciation). Not only do

the tour guides occasionally receive tips, but the commission also received a \$50 donation for the tours.

DSU student Kyle Thiel, via Theodore Roosevelt Service Learning Project, is developing a project using a PDA device to develop a more informative walking tour. The project is still in experimental stages and Kyle plans to meet with Danielle at the end of the month. Jon Brudvig informed the committee that Kyle is designing his own program which could involve videos, sound and all manner of other information.

Potential Commission Member: Jon Brudvig introduced himself and expressed interest in working with the commission. He has submitted an application to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, which is on the City Commission agenda for October 15th. Stuckle anticipates it will be approved without any problems.

Brochures: Stuckle informed the commission about the new brochures available on the museum's website regarding researching local buildings, Renaissance Zone, and the National Historic Register. She will be sending them to the Planning and Zoning Commission and other interested entities. Laman voiced her appreciation for the work on the brochures.

Hutmacher Project: Stuckle also informed the commission of the work going on out at the Hutmacher site. They are experimenting with different mortar combinations to see what works, and the site is being visited as noticed by the number of brochures which are reprinted. A consultant has given advice on building restoration and extensive renovations. This winter will be an experiment and family members have been giving anecdotal advice. The roof is a concern, Killdeer mountain battlefield, quarry, all are to be promoted as a group out in the area. There are also plans to have an exhibit at the Dickinson Museum regarding the Hutmacher site.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:05pm

Next Meeting: 4:30pm, November 8th, 2007; Dickinson Museum Center