



BOARD OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Promoting the use and conservation of historic properties for the education, inspiration, pleasure and enrichment of the citizens of Sioux Falls

Meeting Minutes
for the meeting held on
March 13, 2013

Members Present:

Beth Barry
Jeff Dunn
Sean Ervin
Kevin Gansz
Adam Nyhaug
Mildred Roesch
Josh Schorzmann
Keith Thompson

Members Absent:

Dixie Hieb
Ryan Streff

Public in Attendance:

Barbara McDowell

Staff Present:

Debra Gaikowski, Planner

Chairman Kevin Gansz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and gave introductory comments.

1. **Approval of the February 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes** – Keith Thompson made a motion to accept the February 13, 2013 meeting minutes as written. Sean Ervin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Public Input on Non-agenda Items** – None
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. **1616 South 4th Avenue – Demolition Permit** – Debra Gaikowski shared with the members that this property demolition project came before the board in 2010. A case report was submitted to the State and the proper procedures were followed to gain the ability to receive the demolition permit. In the State's response to the case, they noted that it would not have an adverse effect if the house were relocated rather than demolished so the property owner intended on following this suggestion. Unfortunately, he found out from two house moving companies that the house could not be moved because of trees and wires in the vicinity. The owner now intends on tearing down the home so he can proceed with his plans. This item was informational.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Addition to Property at 1321 S. 2nd Ave.** – Debra stated that Barbara and Pierce McDowell intend on building an addition onto the east side of their home located at 1321 S. 2nd Ave. This property is a

contributing property within the McKennan Historic District. Barbara discussed the details of the project with the members. They had several questions and comments. A motion was made by Jeff Dunn that the addition would not have an adverse effect on the McKennan Historic District. Beth Barry seconded the motion. Keith Thompson recommended keeping the roof of the addition on the north side static and then adding to it as necessary to cover the width of the addition. This will raise the peak slightly. Sean Ervin commented that the pilasters at the entrance are very indicative of homes built in the 1920s as this one was, so he encouraged the property owners to either maintain them or replicate them in their plans. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Historic Marker Relocation – Stonecutter John Elm** – Debra was contacted by the City Parks Department regarding the relocation of a historic marker entitled, “Stonecutter John Elm.” There has been a request to relocate the marker to the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum at the Stonecutter’s Garden from a remote location near Rowena so it can get more exposure. Keith Thompson made a motion to accept the proposed new location for the historic marker at the Mary Jo Arboretum. Sean Ervin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Historic Avenues Subcommittee Update** – The Board members were given a list of properties in their board packet, along with photos, from five historic districts that the Historic Avenues Subcommittee would like to see featured in the new version of the booklet they are working on. There were several suggestions from the board members to add particular properties to the list. The subcommittee members will return next month with an updated list of ten top selections and a couple of alternates for each district. This item was informational.
- d. Notice and Orders Report** – Debra stated that no items were added to the Notice and Orders’ list this month but she did place 520 W. 9th Street back on the list since it has received an extension as a vacant building. The property owner intends on tearing it down summer 2013. The members asked how long a property can be on the vacant building list before something has to happen to it. Debra will find out and pass the information on at the next BOHP meeting. This item was informational.

5. Other Business

- a. Home Show debriefing** – Comments regarding the Home Show included whether the electronic frame should be displayed or not, what will be used for a desk next year, and updating the laminated district maps by adding a date on them. The consensus was to continue using the frame, but perhaps changing the display to show before and after photos of historic homes. In regard to the desk, the members would like to purchase a desk or library table specifically for the Home Show. They asked Debra to find out if CLG money could be used for a desk purchase.
- b. Addition to property at 600 S. Main Ave.** – Debra stated that, even though this property is not in a historic district, it is very close so she wanted to share information about it. The building is located at the southeast corner of 14th Street and Main Avenue. The project will consist of adding another floor to the building.
- c. Elementary school update** – There was an article recently in the Argus Leader about the elementary school closures. Since the Board had previously sent a letter to the Sioux Falls School Board advocating that they not demolish these buildings, Mildred Roesch requested a discussion on the progression of the issue. The article stated that a decision has been made to tear down Jefferson Elementary but to lease out or sell Longfellow. Mark Twain is still scheduled for demolition with a new larger school being built in its place. A new Spanish Immersion school will be built at the Jefferson school location.

Adjourn – Sean Ervin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Historic Preservation meeting. Josh Schorzmann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.