

MITCHELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES
CARNEGIE RESOURCE CENTER, 119 W 3RD AVE
DATE: August 29, 2018 TIME: 5:15 pm

Not Approved

Chairman Logan called to order the August 29th meeting at 5:15 pm. Members present: Logan, Swenson, Clark, Pooley, and Jirsa. Member absent: Buechler. Putnam, ex-officio member, was present and Jaren Indahl of Mitchell Main Street and Beyond was also present.

Motion by Pooley, seconded by Jirsa to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Swenson, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting. All members present, voting aye, motion carried.

Putnam and Logan reported that SDSHPO has awarded a \$2,000 grant commencing this summer and ending the summer of 2019. It will have to be matched by the HPC. It may be used to produce additional brochures and possible travel expenses.

Mitchell Main Street and Beyond: Logan introduced Jared Indahl the new MMS& B director. He has been nominated by the Mayor to be confirmed by the Council to join the commission. He mentioned that the former director has been very helpful in the transition. He provided an updated on some of the activities that will be taking place soon this fall.

Dr. Lucky's plan: The commission discussed the proposed plan of Dr. Lucky's to install a metal canopy structure on the vacant lot south of the building. The planning commission requested the HPC to opine on the proposal. The property owner appears is doing other projects to the building. Motion by Jirsa, seconded by Pooley to request more specific information that addresses the following; snow and wind load, if or how will it be attached to the building, and how it will be compatible to the historic district. Additionally, drawings should describe the canopy with material details, dimensions with connection and anchoring information. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Response to the City's Case Report in regards to the 3rd and Main Building: The city has taken the owner to court in order to remedy the 'nuisance' and other potential hazards as result of the building's condition, which has resulted in a closure W 3rd Ave and detracting the downtown. The commission was provided filings and reports the city has compiled and conclude the building may have to be razed. The commission regrets that this historic building's condition is such that demolition may be the only feasible alternative to address the situation. The commission finds that it is not economically feasible to substantially invest significant funds this building and such a venture will be cost prohibitive. They also find that removal may be necessary to enhance the appearance the historic downtown. The opening of the street may provide additional traffic to enhance the economic activity of existing businesses. Perhaps, if the building is removed there may be the possibility of improving the site with amenities that may complimenting downtown such as an attractive green space with some additional off-street parking. Again, this may enhance the downtown experience and increase pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The city and others have been implementing programs and incentives to assist in improving unattractive store fronts, so abating this 'nuisance' will encourage others to take advantage of such

incentives. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Jirsa to concur with the city's determination that the building may need to be demolished. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion of Possible New Members: The commission has lost a couple members. The commission may have ten members and they have to live in the city or own a building in the city. A couple names were mentioned and they will be contacted to see if they are interested.

Discussion of Possible Changes to the Sign Regulations: Putnam presented the commission a power point presentation that provided some possible changes to the existing code that will be reviewed. He presented photos of different types of signs and how they may be displayed. He is soliciting input from various stakeholders such as the HPC. No action was taken.

Public Input: none

Chairman Logan adjourned the meet at 7:00 pm.
