

City of Sidney Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015

The meeting of the City of Sidney Historic Preservation Board was called to order at 11:30am by Chairperson Kay Hicks. Hicks announced the Open Public Meetings Act and noted that the meeting was published in the January 30 edition of the Sun-Telegraph.

Roll Call: Greg Huck, Bruce Leypoldt, Kathy Wilson, Rich Phillips, Kay Hicks, Scott Williams, and Jake Vickery responded to roll call. Additional attendees included: Scott Day, Mike Jackson, Gary Person, Brad Rowan, and Megan McGown.

Approval of minutes from January 20, 2015: Huck made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Leypoldt seconded the motion and the motion carried with all members present voting yea.

Update and Timeline of Handbook – McGown explained that the Handbook that was completed a year ago still needed to go before City Council for final approval in order to begin using it. She explained that the Handbook is much more thorough than the previous guidelines and also that the procedures and resources are included. Williams made a motion to approve the Handbook and to make a recommendation for approval to the City Council. Huck seconded the motion and the motion carried with all members present voting yea.

CLG Grant Project – McGown notified the board that the CLG grant applications are due April 1. She also explained that the Preservation Plan suggested a reconnaissance survey for the original township as well as potentially sending a board member to Preservation Leadership Training. McGown has been in contact with SHPO regarding doing a survey and she will research the training. Leypoldt expressed an interest in attending the training. Leypoldt made a motion to approve the grant application for the survey and training. Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed with all members present voting yea.

Local Landmark Update – Person noted that the first reading of the ordinance to landmark went well with great discussion. He commended Hicks and McGown for the presentation at the meeting. The second reading is at tonight's Council meeting and he stated that he did not think there would be controversy and that the final reading will be at the February 24 meeting.

The business meeting adjourned at 12:00pm and was followed by Scott Day and Mike Jackson reporting on the Upper Floor Feasibility Study. They reported that they selected six properties for the project: Emil Assad's property, Wendall Gaston's, Jack Baker's, Rich Fiegenschuh, and Kay Hicks'. They will provide a detailed written report by the end of March. The report will include the floor designs, cost analysis, survey results, incentive suggestions, and other pertinent information.