

City of Sidney Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2016

The meeting of the City of Sidney Historic Preservation Board was called to order by Kay Hicks, Chair of the Board at 12:00 p.m. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call: Kay Hicks, Greg Huck, Rich Phillips, Bruce Leypoldt, and Kathy Wilson. Members absent included Jake Vickery and Scott Williams. Additional attendees included: Economic Development Director Tina Hochwender and Christopher Dyson.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Leypoldt moved and Phillips seconded to approve the April 12, 2016 minutes. All members present voted “yes.”

Certificate of Approval Requests:

Façade Enhancement Grant – Request for Reimbursement for an application approved November 10, 2015 for replacement of transom windows on the front of the property at 932 10th Avenue. The total cost of the project was \$6,521.42

Hicks reviewed the application and the costs to be reimbursed in accordance with the program rules. Mr. Dyson stated that the windows have made a huge difference in appearance and in energy costs.

Phillips moved and Huck seconded to accept the work completed and reimburse project cost in accordance with the façade enhancement grant program rules and regulations. All members present voted “yes.”

Request for Letter of Support

Next on the agenda Hicks reviewed a Request for Letter of Support for the Cheyenne County Visitor’s Committee application to Nebraska Humanities for a Chautauqua Event in Sidney in June 2017 in coordination with the Sidney/Cheyenne County 150th celebrations.

Discussion ensued regarding the dates and theme of the event.

Wilson expressed concern that this event would take away from Gold Rush Days and the Sidney 150 Celebration next year. Discussion ensued.

Leypoldt moved and Huck seconded to execute the staff prepared Letter of Support for the Cheyenne County Visitor’s Committee application to Nebraska Humanities for a Chautauqua Event in Sidney. All members present voted “yes.”

Other Comments:

Hochwender reminded everyone of the tour of Christ Episcopal Church to see the newly restored windows immediately following the meeting.

Mr. Dyson with the music store updated everyone on progress with his signage. He may not go with brushed aluminum. He is looking to utilize material that may more appropriately match the building. For example he may go with brown, black or a dark bronze with white lettering.

Mr. Dyson also suggested that the amount of incentives possibly be increased. The City of Chappell provides up to \$9,000 in incentives as long as the merchant puts in \$1,000. He suggested reviewing the amount provided for projects and look at increasing it. Hochwender said the funds come from the Economic Development fund and there is an allotted amount each year. The amount could be reviewed and would have to go through City Council for approval. Wilson asked if the funds were rolled over each year. Hochwender stated no. Discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tina Hochwender