

**BOARD OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Tuesday:

May 17, 2016:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Historic Preservation Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 8:00 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

The Historic Preservation Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Andrew Nielsen, Michael Burns, Mike Hahn, Christine Kloubec,
Heather Fischer, Paul Gleye

Absent: Dirk Ockhardt

Chair Burns called the meeting to order and welcomed Members to the meeting.

Item 1: Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 19, 2016

Mr. Nielsen moved the minutes of the April 19, 2016 Historic Preservation Commission meeting be approved. Second by Ms. Fischer. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 2: Storefront Rehab/Downtown Grant Review – 1208 1st Ave N:
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

Assistant Planner Dawn Mayo introduced the proposed project for demolition at 1208 1st Avenue North, noting this project will help to remove some blighted conditions within the downtown area. She stated the City is considering a proposal to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for demolition of this property and staff is recommending a finding of "No Historic Properties Affected".

Mike Zimney, The Kilbourne Group, spoke on behalf of the project. He noted there are future plans for a mixed-use, multi-story building in this area.

Board Members discussed concerns regarding the lack of details on the future project plans for this property.

Sheri Fercho, Advertising and Sales with Inspired HOME magazine, expressed her concerns for the future plans of this property in regard to preserving the historical integrity of this area.

Mr. Gleye moved to approve the demolition of the property at 1208 1st Avenue North, subject to the applicant returning at a future date when the Historic Preservation Commission can review the new, proposed project. Second by Mr. Nielsen. Members Fischer, Nielsen, Burns, Gleye, and Hahn voted aye. Member Kloubec voted nay. The motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Storefront Rehab/Downtown Grant Review – 524 7th St N: APPROVED

Ms. Mayo introduced the proposed project at 524 7th Street North, noting this façade renovation will include removal of the non-historic entrance canopy, addition of new entrance/lobby area, and addition of a new, taller façade in the entrance area. She stated the City is considering a proposal to use CDBG funds to assist with this façade renovation and staff is recommending a finding of “No Historic Properties Affected”.

Matt Gasper, property owner at 524 7th Street North, and Mike Gunderson, Olaf Anderson Construction, spoke on behalf of the project.

Mr. Nielsen moved to approve the project as presented. Second by Mr. Gleye. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 4: Other Business

No other business was presented.

Item 5: Liaison Reports

Mr. Hahn provided a summary on the purpose and importance of the Renaissance Zone Program and its utilization to encourage economic development and investment opportunities in the downtown business district.

Item 6: Next Meeting – June 21, 2016

The time at adjournment was 8:43 a.m.