

**BOARD OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Tuesday:**

**July 26, 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, July 26, 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 May 17, 2016**

Mr. Gleye moved the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Historic Preservation Commission meeting be approved. Second by Ms. Fischer. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 2: Erskine's HOD Review – 1201 9th Street South (Garage): APPROVED**

Assistant Planner Dawn Mayo introduced the proposed project for a new garage and demolition of the existing garage at 1201 9th Street South.

Applicant Shane Erstad spoke on behalf of the project, noting the siding and design of the garage will be compatible to the original, existing garage. He added he would prefer to install a double-garage door versus 2 single garage doors, ensuring the double-garage door would replicate the aesthetic of 2 single doors.

Ms. Kloubec moved to approve the project as presented. Second by Ms. Fischer. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 3: Presentation – Crystal Palace/Melvina Massey**

Ms. Mayo provided a brief introduction on this item and introduced Kristen R. Fellows, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at North Dakota State University (NDSU) and Angela J. Smith, Assistant Professor of Public History at North Dakota State University (NDSU).

Ms. Fellows gave a presentation to the Historic Preservation Commission titled "Digging Deeper into Fargo's Past: The Crystal Palace". She noted The Crystal Palace, located at 201 3rd Street North, was one of several brothels in Fargo's red light district in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries, and a woman named Melvina Massey operated this brothel (more information can be found at <http://fargohistory.com>). She stated NDSU is requesting the Board's support to perform excavations at this site prior to construction of the new city hall,

with the goals being to salvage historic items; use this as a teaching opportunity for students; and offer community involvement.

Mr. Neilsen moved to support the archaeological excavation project for up to 14 days, fitting within the construction schedule of the new city hall, as coordinated with project management. 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**

Ms. Fischer gave an update on items from the June 30, 2016 Board of Adjustment meeting.

Mr. Gleye stated a request to move a house located at 1421 42nd Avenue South to 2701 64th Avenue South (Auditor's Lot 11 of the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 138 North, Range 49 West) was approved at the June 29, 2016 House Moving Board meeting.

**Item 6: Next Meeting – August 16, 2016**

The time at adjournment was 8:32 a.m.