

MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
SIoux FALLS BOARD OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Wednesday, January 9th, 2008
5:00 p.m.
Old Council Chambers, City Hall, 224 West 9th Street

Staff Liaison: Erica Beck, Urban Planner, City of Sioux Falls, 367-8895, ebeck@siouxfalls.org

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg McMahan, Anita Kealey, Meredith Larson, Jeffrey Dolan, Matthew Woodside, Stacy Newcomb-Weiland, and Jeff Dunn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Thormodsgard and Margaret Preston

GUESTS: Kevin Gansz, Carol Mashek, Mike Vogel, and Bruce Blake

Matt Woodside, Board Chair called the meeting to order at: 4:10 P.M.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL of the November Board of Historic Preservation meeting minutes.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes. Jeff Dunn made a motion to approve the November 14th, 2007 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Greg McMahan. The motion to approve the November 14th, 2007 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

There was no further discussion on this item.

ITEM 2. UPDATE on 2007-08 CLG Projects

Staff reviewed the projects below with the Board. Staff asked the Board to establish committees for at least the Home Show Booth and the National Preservation Month activities.

Committees were formed for the following activities. Staff will forward this information to all board members with suggested meetings dates and times.

Home Show Booth: Meredith Larson

National Preservation Month Activities: Stacy Newcomb-Weiland and Jeff Dunn

Calendars: Anita Kealey

Project	Update	Budgeted
Nomination Forms for Vulnerable Sites	RFP for services will go out in early 2008	\$7,000
Orpheum Theater Historic Marker	Working on Text	\$2,000
SF NPM Activities	May 2008 (committee start planning in early 2008)	\$3,600
Publication Space Sponsorship	Begin in early 2008	\$2,000
Production of Vulnerable Sites Calendar	Have not started	\$2,000
Etc Workshop	Done	\$450
Home Show	February 28 th – March 2 nd	\$1,500

There was no further discussion on this item.

ITEM 3. UPDATE on the 2008 Historic Façade Easement Program

Staff reminded the Board that the due date for applications to the 2008 program was January 11th. Staff also reminded the Board that presentations on the applications would take place at the February 13th meeting.

There was no action taken on this item.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & APPROVAL of Three Historic Marker Applications presented by Bruce Blake, Minnehaha County Historical Society

Mr. Blake presented three markers; Martin Luther King, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Massacre Site.

Meredith Larson made a motion to approval the Martin Luther King marker with the text identified below. Stacy Newcomb-Weiland seconded the motion. The motion to approve the marker was unanimously approved.

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the preeminent leader of the movement to end segregation and racial discrimination through civil disobedience and other nonviolent means, arrived in Sioux Falls on January 12, 1961, a guest of nearby St. John Baptist Church.

Because of mob violence, the governor of Georgia earlier that day had suspended two black students from the University of Georgia and ordered state troopers to remove them from the school. When interviewed at Joe Foss Field, Dr. King was asked about the upheaval in Georgia. He bluntly answered, "When public officials predict violence, it is an invitation to violence. . . . Mobs function when they feel they are being aided and abetted by law enforcement authorities."

In the afternoon an informal reception was held for Dr. King at the First Baptist

Church. That evening he addressed a dinner meeting of the Knife & Fork Club at the Cataract Hotel.

Two years later his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C., electrified the nation, and he was honored as *Time Magazine* "Man of the Year." In 1964 King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Martin Luther King Day, a national holiday, began in 1986.

DEDICATED IN 2008 BY THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
THE JON KENTFIELD ENDOWMENT FUND, AND THE MARY CHILTON DAR
FOUNDATION

Text author:

Bruce Blake

Marker location:

Van Eps Park – Northwest Corner

Sioux Falls, SD

Jeff Dolan made a motion to approve the text, as identified below, for the Daughters of the American Revolution historic marker. The motion was seconded by Anita Kealey. The motion to approve was unanimously approved.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization. It is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. The organization was founded by 18 women October 11, 1890, and was incorporated in 1896 by Congress. The motto of the organization is "God, Home, and Country."

A complex for the DAR Headquarters is located in Washington, D.C. It occupies an entire city block near the White House and is the largest group of buildings in the world owned and maintained exclusively by women. Two of the three adjoining buildings are Registered National Historic Landmarks: Memorial Continental Hall, built in 1905, and Constitution Hall, built in 1929. The Administration Building is the third building. The complex houses one of the largest genealogical research centers in the United States, the Seimes Microfilm Center, and a museum accredited by the American Association of Museums. The DAR has more than 200,000 members in 3000 chapters in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and several foreign countries. Since it was founded, more than 836,000 women have been members of the DAR.

Mary Chilton Chapter of Sioux Falls was organized June 17, 1915. Its motto is "Virtue, not ancestry, makes one noble." The chapter was named in honor of Mary Chilton, the first woman to step ashore in 1620 from the Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor, Massachusetts. In World War I, the new chapter raised funds to purchase an ambulance, support orphans in France, and benefit children of South Dakota World War I soldiers, sailors, and marines. During World War II, social events were hosted for airmen stationed at the Sioux Falls Army Air Force base, and war brides and foreign-born families were welcomed to Sioux Falls. Today the chapter hosts a reception following naturalization ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse, presents flags to new Eagle Boy Scouts, awards ROTC medals, provides Good Citizen Awards through local schools, and awards

scholarships to students attending Augustana College and the University of Sioux Falls.

Through the generosity of chapter charter member Dorothy Day Davenport, a foundation was formed in 1985. Grants and scholarships exceeding \$1.2 million have been awarded, and numerous communities and thousands of South Dakotans have benefited. The chapter's record is one of resolutely fulfilling its mission of promoting patriotism, education, and preserving American history.

DEDICATED IN 2008 BY THE MARY CHILTON CHAPTER DAR AND THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Text author:
Dianne Metli
Marker location:
Veteran's Memorial Park
Sioux Falls

A motion was made by Jeff Dolan to accept the historic marker, titled Massacre Site with the condition that Bruce revise the last sentence to provide more of an updated ending to the story. The motion was seconded by Jeff Dunn.

Matt Woodside suggested that the last sentence state there it is "unknown" where the bodies currently rest.

The motion to approve the text as identified below was unanimously approved both at the meeting and via email after the meeting.

MASSACRE SITE

In late July 1864, members of a uniformed, all-Indian, Yankton Agency scout unit followed the trail of an unknown war party. When the warriors attempted to flee, they were pursued, captured, and taken to the Yankton's camp about two miles north of this site. The prisoners were Santee who left Devil's Lake 20 days earlier in search of settlers to rob and murder. One captive, a member of White Lodge's band, claimed that he had killed ten settlers during the Dakota Conflict.

The Santee were told that the Yankton scouts were friendly to settlers who belonged to Great Father, the President of the United States. The Yankton were from the tribe of Chief Struck by the Ree. Called Old Strike, he positioned his warriors to protect settlers during the uprising in Minnesota.

In view of their confessions, the Santee were summarily executed. "Receipts" in the form of scalps were taken and delivered to the Yankton Indian Agent.

During the winter of 1938-1939, some 74 years after the mass execution, workmen building a runway for the new Sioux Falls Municipal Airport uncovered 14 shallow graves and removed the remains of the Santee war party.

DEDICATED IN 2008 BY THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE MINNEHAHA CENTURY FUND

Text author:
Bruce Blake

*Marker location:
Sioux Falls,
W Algonquin St & N "E" Ave*

There was no further discussion on Item Four.

ITEM 5. OTHER

A. Van Eps Property at 334 W. 8th Street

Staff advised the Board that there were no updates available on the Van Eps property. A board member commented that the "move" sign in front of the house had been removed. Staff stated that if any information is received on the status of the project, an update would be sent to the Board.

There was no action taken on this item.

B. Neighborhood Conservation Area Naming Project

Staff indicated that the voting for the neighborhood naming project would end on January 11th. Staff stated that the public are able to vote at a number of locations as well as online.

There was no action taken on this item.

C. Update on the McKennan Park Centennial Celebration

Staff indicated that there were no updates available on the McKennan Celebration but that a meeting notice would be sent out to the Board in early February. This meeting is anticipated to include interested neighbors as well as members of both the Board of Historic Preservation and the Parks Board. As a reminder the dates being considered for the three day celebration are the first or second weekends in August, 2008.

There was no action taken on this item.

D. February 13th Meeting

Staff reminded the Board of the importance of the February meeting. The agenda will not only include the review of the 2008 Historic Façade Easement applications but also review of several completed façade easements. It is important to have a quorum present as Jeff Dolan will not be able to participate in voting or item discussion on the 2008 façade applications.

There was no action taken on this item.

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

Stacy Newcomb-Weiland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anita Kealey seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.