

**CITY OF MITCHELL
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MINUTES, JANUARY 18, 2017**

Chairman Logan called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm, January 18, 2017 in the Community Room in the Mitchell Public Library, 231 N Duff Street.

Members Present: Logan, Swenson, Metzger, Hauser, Clark, Ex-officio Putnam

Members Absent: Collins, Buechler

Guests: Justin Johnson, City Attorney

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Metzger, seconded by Clark to amend the agenda with other business with an update on the MMSB Walking Tour Brochure. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hauser, seconded Metzger to approve the minutes with a change on 1st paragraph of page three, the "motion was seconded by Hauser". All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion of Future Meetings: The consensus that 5:15 pm on Tuesdays or Wednesdays would be the preferred time and days of the week. Putnam will propose some February dates and secure a location. No action taken at this time.

Other Business: Logan was asked by SHPO and MMSB for an update on the Walking Tour Brochure. SHPO has awarded a \$1,500 grant for the project. Metzger has prepared a draft and is asking for some feedback. Metzger and Swenson will get together and report back at the next meeting.

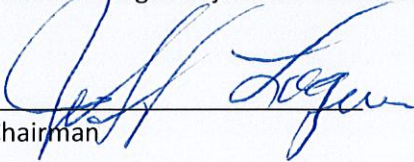
Approval of Plan: Mark VanderHoek of Hard Drive Central, 318 N Main Street, submitted a request for funding from the MMSB Revolving Loan Fund for \$16,000. The applicant was available by phone to address questions from the commission. He is proposing an addition to the front façade to extend the recessed front toward the street and new windows and brink. He is also proposing a new permanent awning over the door. He is also going to do some repairs to back to remedy some leakage. The commission did not feel that bring blue would be compatible the historic character of the area. Metzger volunteered to coordinate with the applicant to come up with a color that may be more appropriate. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Hauser to approve the application with the condition the color of the awning be historically appropriate. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

11-1 Review: Demolition of 512 N Main Street. The City of Mitchell is the current owner of this structure and it has not been occupied since August, 2015. City staff has inspected the building and letters from the code enforcement office and fire marshal were provided. The City plans on razing the building sometime in the spring. City staff has notified the Office of History of the city desire to remove this building. The Office of History has requested an abbreviated case report and they are specifically requesting a comment from the MHPC. The commission reviewed photos of the building and other documents. The commission was made aware that the building has been declared a no entry and

placarded by the fire department. The building in very poor condition and requires a substantial investment to make it habitable. There are reports of pest infestation and presence of mold. There are significant code violations. The rear and south portion of the building do not appear to have a historic appearance (tin covering). There is also a public safety concern. The building is not ADA compliant.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Clark to concur with city that all feasible alternatives to demolition have been considered and that demolition is appropriate. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Logan adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.


Chairman

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Date