

Historic Resources Commission Minutes  
July, 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by chairman Noreen Keating at 6:00. Those present included:

Mary Hebert  
Kay Forster  
Noreen Keating  
Sherie Gekiere  
Wendy Fleming  
R.J. Archambo  
Sherry Nelson  
City Manager, Dan Sabolsky  
City Council liaison, Diane Raab, via zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairman Noreen Keating. An update followed regarding the application for Certified Local Government status—how the process came about for Mary Hebert and Sherry Nelson to fill out the application on behalf of the City.

Kay Forster moved to approve the HRC minutes for June, seconded by Sherie Gekiere. Motion carried.

Next, the HRC Ordinance was read in full by commission members.  
(Ord. 155, passed 3-12-02)

At the conclusion of the reading, there were questions about training for commissioners. Manager Sabolsky said that training would be possible if it was reasonably priced.

There was some discussion regarding the comprehensive nature of the Ordinance. Manager Sabolsky said that he believed 2/3 of the charge in the ordinance may not be doable, and that perhaps it should be reviewed.

Kay Forster stated that many owners of historical properties are not aware of the funding resources that are available.

Sherie Gekiere asked how a possible conflict of interest would be addressed. There is a provision in the ordinance that a party with a financial interest may not vote regarding that specific project.

There was discussion about the need to advocate for and market financial resources that are available for historic preservation

R.J. Archambo suggested that the commission contact other cities of a similar size to see what ordinances they may have in place for preservation, and to see what projects they are doing.

Diane Raab agreed that the commission has not had a clear direction. Past projects have targeted designating specific properties that qualify for historical status with plaques.

There was discussion that the commission should have tools available so people could be referred to funding sources for historic preservation.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 2, at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.