

Minutes of the July 22, 2024 Historical Preservation Commission meeting.

In attendance were: David Petersen, David Barney, Darren DeGraw, Dorothy Arnold, Melissa Layton, and Dana Chapman. No one attended by phone or zoom.

1. Nomination of six historic homes to the MPS district theme-1800s): a little more work remains to be done. The target goal is Jan. 2025, including the last two nominations.
2. For the Historic Plaque program: 15 new requests have come in and counting. David will help with the process of researching the information for the home-owners and creation of the information for the plaque.
3. Neal Sessions building update: We have movement! The architect wants to look at what is under the metal, starting at the east edge of the rock work. Estimated cost is \$25,000.
4. Festival Days recap: Great success on all fronts: parade float, terrific. Booth, terrific. Thank you to all who helped out.
5. Third and last Open Houses for the Tom Owens/Rock Grist Mill project is Wed. August 28. This is the third and last open house.
6. Dave Petersen discussed the public works project slides going back to 1994. Do we want to review? Yes. Do we want these things digitized and duplicates removed? Yes.
7. Much discussion of minutes: David Barney was concerned about the inclusion of the information that the completion of the 1530 West interchange would result in a 20% reduction in the traffic on 2nd West where it passes the Elementary and Jr. High Schools. This subject was not addressed in the June 24th meeting, so the minutes were approved as written, but the subject will be pursued further and discussed at subsequent meetings.
8. Other items: The approval of the zoning for the south end of Main Street: the lots that exist are too narrow for changes to the structures as required by the ordinance. To obtain buy-in from the homeowners, it was compromised that only any demolition of the existing structures would require permission.
9. It was suggested that permanent protection for the Rock Hotel and perhaps a landmark designation would be a good thing.