

City/County/Park/School Liaison Committee

January 13, 2022

Members Present:

Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Mike Gessner, Howard Anderson
Jim Rostad(Alternate), John Pietsch, Chuck Emery, Perry Olson

Members Absent:

Miranda Schuler

Others Present:

Brian Billingsley, Mikayla McWilliams, Margaret Haugen, David Lakefield, Jill Schramm, Mark Vollmer, Harold Stewart, Larry Haug, Ron Merritt, Jennifer Wiechmann, and Marisa Haman

The City/County/Park/School Liaison Committee meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm, by Chairman Howard Anderson at Badlands Restaurant.

1. Election of Chairman

The 2022 Chairman of the Liaison Committee needed to be a City of Minot representative. Jantzer nominated Lisa Olson to be the Chairwoman. The nomination was seconded by Perry and carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairwoman Olson requested the meeting minutes from November 18, 2021 be e-mailed out to the committee members.

Pietsch moved to approve the minutes from November 18, 2021, Anderson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

3. Minot Area-Wide Planning Organization

This is a continuation from November's meeting. Brian Billingsley found that this organization was created in 1972. It was created prior to Souris Basin Planning which was created in 1973 and was rendered inactive after its creation. There are no records of this committee in the City Clerk's office.

Chairwoman Olson reminded everyone this had been brought up at City Council in October by staff wondering if this organization need to stay in or be removed. She stated that with this information their will likely be another item for an upcoming City Council meeting.

Pietsch motioned for no further action be taken due to plenty of planning being in place and this would be duplicative. Perry Olson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

4. June 2022 Election/Polling Places

Marisa Haman spoke about the election dates being June 14th and November 8th. Voting centers will be county-wide with early voting at the county building. Election Day will have Berthold Senior Center, Ryder City Hall, Kenmare Memorial Hall, State Fair Center, and Sawyer City Hall. The Auditorium in Minot is hosting volleyball but Marisa was looking for a voting center that would be on the west side of town. Nikki has contacted the Minot Park District for possibly using the MAYSA. Ron Merritt said that the MAYSA would possibly be an option. There might be evening activities but the parking lot would be able to accommodate. Marisa has contacted MSU and they would charge to hold the voting there. She said if anyone thinks of a venue that could accommodate voting to please let her know.

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Harold asked about what kind of space would be needed because Carnegie Hall could be an option but the parking would be difficult. Ron Merritt said they would try to make the MAYSA work if Marisa was unable to find another venue. Minot Rural Fire Department was also mentioned as a possible option for the west side of town and that they used to be a voting poll. Marisa said a place does not have to be designated until April 11th.

5. Minot Public Schools Discussion – Mark Vollmer

Superintendent Mark Vollmer opened by saying that they did 94 informative meetings prior to bond election day. They are in the schematic design phase which will be completed Monday. It is the general idea of what will actually be at each building. Starting Tuesday, the design and development phase will begin. This will be the finishing points for each building. The Cognizant building will get an addition built on and remodel of existing structure. They have an application in for a \$10 million CTE grant which will help aid in some of this process. Magic City Campus will get remodeled to accommodate the 4 grade levels. This campus will need science rooms remodeled and CTE rooms, along with a gym addition and locker rooms. Minot Public Schools is hoping for construction drawings in the spring and then the bidding process can begin. Magic City Campus work will begin this summer so that the building is empty. Cognizant building needs some soil correction work and concrete/fabricated walls.

Minot Public Schools is also starting the naming process for the new high school. School colors and logos will need to be developed. They hope to have this completed by May 1st and the next year freshman should have some teams representing that high school. The transition should be on pace for Fall of 2024.

This spring they are working on the realignment of boundaries. This will decide what elementary schools feed what middle schools to then decide which areas go to the different high schools. Jim Hill will go to Magic City and Ramstad will go to the new high school but Central Campus will need to get split. They need to find a balance for enrollments in all school because it affects federal funding.

The new high school should bring tremendous growth up to Northwest Minot and they are constantly thinking about if a new elementary school should ever be needed it will also be up in that area.

6. Other Business

The next meeting will be April 21, 2022 at Badlands Restaurant.

Chairwoman Olson reminded everyone that with the upcoming election there are spots on the City Council open, the Minot Park Board, the County Commission, and Minot Public School Board.

Harold Stewart brought up the company Epic who is developing The Tracks and purchased the M Building downtown. Epic has developed something similar in West Fargo and the town is pleased with the project. Epic is having conversations about a TIF and different partnerships.

Mark Vollmer complemented the Minot Parks on the nice press spot.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mikayla McWilliams
City of Minot, City Clerk