

City of Lancaster
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
July 17th, 2024

Meeting Notes

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00
2. Roll Call: Member present Jon Angeli, Stuart Harper, Bruce Fritz, Kyle Vesperman, Linda Luckey, Mike Johansen and Mike Steffel
3. Approved Historic Preservation Commission minutes of 7-19-2023 all in favor on voice vote
4. Discuss Dewey Church-
 - a. The future of the Dewey Church
 - b. The Nelson Dewey Church group is losing members and may disband
 - c. The church would likely revert back to the city
 - d. Jon Angelli and David Timmerman would like to make a push to get the building preserved.
 - i. The building is the last pre Civil War public building in the city
 - ii. The Grant County Historic Society is not interested in taking on another project.
 - iii. What should happen next?
 1. The building has to have a purpose
 2. Usable space for the community
 - a. Pop up shop
 - b. Museum speakers
 - c. Incubator space
 - d. Venue for events
 - e. David Timmerman shared a possible concept drawing of the reimagined space
 - f. Current projects needed to stabilize the structure
 - i. Roof - estimated cost 29 thousand dollars
 - ii. Painting- estimated cost 29 thousand dollars
 - iii. Other unknown ?
 - g. Ongoing questions-Do we have the desire? What are the costs? What possible uses? Do we have enough meeting space already? What will be the administrative costs?
5. Discuss Darlington's historic district and its management
 - a. No concrete information was available, so this was tabled until the next meeting
 - b. Bruce Fritz is responsible for getting the info for the next meeting.
6. Future agenda items
 - a. Report on the church
 - b. Darlington's historic district
7. Next meeting scheduled for August 21st at 5:00 pm
8. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm