

Memo

To: City Commissioners

From: Robert Fuhrman, Dickinson Historic Preservationist

Date: 12/17/2024

Re: Historic Preservation Commission nominee

HPS Candidate Natalie Birchak

Mr. President, Commissioners, I am pleased to appear before you today to ask you to consider giving your approval to the nomination of Natalie Birchak to the Dickinson Historic Preservation Commission. As you will recall, one of the responsibilities of a Certified Local Government is that we “maintain a qualified historic preservation commission” whose members preferably possess professional qualifications in history, architectural history, archeology, anthropology, curation, planning, landscape architecture or related fields or who have a personal interest in historic preservation.

In addition to an interest and willingness to serve, the education and experience of this candidate demonstrates their professional qualifications for a seat on the Historic Preservation Commission; also, Natalie has been preliminarily approved by the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office for service on our Commission.

The candidate’s resume is on file with the Historic Preservation Commission, and, as a City Employee, Natalie is known to this Commission, but please allow me to provide a brief introduction to Natalie Birchak for the benefit of the people we serve:

Natalie possesses a Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University with a minor in Aviation, graduating Magna Cum Laude in May of 2024.

In addition to her degree, Natalie is an EPA certified Class C Fuel Operator and has worked as an airport Line Technician. She is also a licensed pilot and is pursuing an Instrument Rating. Lastly, since shortly after arriving in Dickinson, Natalie has also taken it upon herself to attend Historic Preservation Commission meetings in order to learn more about our community and its historic resources.

At this time the Dickinson Historic Preservation Commission asks the Dickinson City Commission that Natalie Birchak be considered for membership on the Historic Preservation Commission, to begin an initial three-year term at the Commission’s January meeting.

Thank you,

Robert Fuhrman

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Dickinson City Historic Preservationist