

HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Friday, October 3, 2008
Administrative Center – Room B390
9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Twinde-Javner, Barb Kooiman, Beverly Mach, Kent Sween

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Richard Bedessem, H. King Holley, Harriet Schuppel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Cheryl Stephen

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vicki Twinde-Javner, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mach/Kooiman to approve meeting minutes of September 5, 2008. **Motion carried unanimously;** excused: Bedessem, Holley, and Schuppel.

UPDATE ON NOMINATIONS / RESOLUTION PROCESS

Iron Overhead Truss Bridge (tabled) – status quo.

VFW Post #8278 (former Hussa Brewery office) – Barb noted nothing new to report as she has not heard back from the State Historical Society.

Others – None mentioned.

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS / NOMINATION PROCESS

Striped School / owner Norman & Phyllis Berg (Kooiman & Twinde-Javner) - Status quo. Vicki and Barb noted the photocopies as made from the Berg's collection of information should be stored in the Board Chair Office or if the nomination is not done, consider donating the information to the County Historical Society.

Oehler Farmstead – owners Swing & Jahnel (Kooiman & Twinde-Javner) - Status quo.

Greenfield Town Hall (Holley) - Status quo. Mach noted the town is planning to build a new building near the church in St. Joe's; not sure of their plans for the old building.

Mindoro Cut (Kooiman) - Status quo.

Swarthout House (Kooiman) – Status quo.

Lake Neshonoc Dam & Powerhouse/ owner Best Power (Kooiman) - Status quo.

Palmer Lewis Octagon House (Schuppel) – Status quo; noted the property is not annexed to the Village so the property can be designated by the County. Harriet has given the nomination form to Errol Kindschy to fill out.

Stone Cellar in Town of Greenfield (Twinde-Javner & Holley) - Status quo.

Onalaska Town Hall (Sween) – The Town needs more room and has not decided on whether to add onto the old building, which was an old church and over 100 years old, or tear down and build new.

Others – None mentioned.

REPORT BY B. KOOIMAN RE ATTENDANCE AT STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP

Barb attended the two-day event last weekend. The state offered funding to cover the cost of the registration fee and one night stay at a motel all of which she took advantage of. She attended workshops relating to insurance for historic groups/buildings, historic cemeteries and how to preserve cemetery stones, fundraising & CLGs, and noted a State Society sponsored and published family cookbook which was also an Oshkosh historical society fundraiser.

PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRESS REPORTS

Two progress reports were received; one from Norskedalen noting the \$500 Preservation Grant funds helped purchase the lanterns and costumes as needed for the Twilight Tour that was held on September 12th; same supplies will be used for future tours; colored photos of the Twilight Tour were included with their report; this report will also be their final report as the funds were spent per their grant application. The other progress report was from Preservation Alliance of La Crosse (PAL) noting the \$500 Preservation Grant funds will be used for publication of brochures; they are in the process of getting bids with plan of printing them in December; their final report is due December 19.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 22 OF COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

Copies of the draft ordinance that Vicki and Barb worked on couple of years ago were sent with the agenda; at that time, general agreement to put on hold until after adoption of the County Comprehensive Plan; this has now occurred. Need to review the ordinance and make appropriate revisions. Vicki noted deleted language is shaded and the proposed new language is underlined. Copies of the County Comprehensive Plan were also sent with the agenda – only the portions that relate to historic preservation. Barb noted a big problem is that there is no mechanism of informing the commission that a designated historic building is going to be torn down; no demolition permits are required by the towns, thus no notification to the commission. The regulatory process is where changes are needed. Due to three members being excused from today's meeting, Vicki suggested referral to future commission meetings.

EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATION / WEBSITE

Vicki noted that she talked to John Parshall, the County IT Director. Being the commission was County created and has its own ordinance (Ch. 22, the IT Dept. will put together a webpage at no cost to the commission. He indicated that he could possibly send a staff person to today's commission meeting to get more information; Vicki will call him again and note future meeting dates & times. Discussion on type of information that could be included on the website; some suggestions included commission created brochures; add links to other related websites, such as State, National and other historical agencies. Discussion on how to spend the duplicating/printing funds; currently have \$900 plus the \$900 from the carry forward totaling \$1,800. Some discussion on creating an archaeology educational brochure.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Most of the same items.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, December 5th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kooiman/Sween to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously**; excused Bedessem, Holley, and Schuppel. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Cheryl Stephen, Recorder