

HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Friday, February 5, 2010
Administrative Center, Room B390
9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Twinde-Javner, H. King Holley, Barb Kooiman, Beverly Mach, Kent Sween

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Harriet Schuppel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Margaret Norden, Anne Loomis

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vicki Twinde-Javner, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2009

MOTION by Mach/Sween to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2009. **Motion carried unanimously.** Schuppel excused.

DESIGNATION OF WRIGHT FARM AS A LA CROSSE COUNTY HISTORIC SITE

Vicki reported the Resolution was approved by the Planning, Resources and Development Committee. Bev reported it was then approved by the County Board. The next step is to record the designation with the Register of Deeds.

COMMISSION MEMBER TO REPLACE DICK BEDESSEM

A notice was placed in the West Salem paper, and there were two responses. Anne Loomis attended the meeting and presented a packet with her resume and information about previous work in historic preservation. Discussion was held about the nomination process. **MOTION** by Kooiman/Mach to recommend Anne Loomis for nomination to the Historic Sites Preservation Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.** Schuppel excused.

UPDATE ON COMMISSION'S WEBSITE

Barb will send the photos she has to IT. Anne Loomis offered to take other photos if needed. It was noted that links need to be established between the Commission's website and the County website.

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

Vicki and Barb met with Dave Lange in Corporation Counsel about the feasibility of changes to the County Code to enforce regulations in cases of alteration or demolition. Dave will research other organizations regarding the legality.

REPORT ON JANUARY, 2010, PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Vicki attended the PRD Committee meeting and gave a summary of the Commission's purpose and activities, and explained the difference between the Historical Society and the Historic Sites Preservation Commission. The Commission will report to PRD at least annually.

REVIEW DRAFT OF ANNUAL REPORT

Vicki distributed a draft of the report for proofing. Editing suggestions were given. Vicki will submit it to the State Historical Society, PRD Committee, and County Board. **MOTION** by Kooiman/King to submit the annual report as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.** Schuppel excused.

UPDATE ON NOMINATIONS / RESOLUTION PROCESS

The nomination for the Iron Overhead Truss Bridge needs to go to the PRD Committee; there was otherwise no update.

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS / NOMINATION PROCESS

- Striped School – no update
- Oehler Farmstead – on hold for possible approval of the State grant proposal
- Greenfield Town Hall – no update
- Mindoro Cut – no update

- Swarthout House – no update
- Lake Neshonoc Dam & Powerhouse – Barb stated it should receive priority.
- Stone Cellar in Town of Greenfield – no update
- Middle Ridge School – Bev stated she was invited to a July, 2010, alumni group, which appears to be an active group. Barb suggested they could nominate the school if they wish.

UPDATE ON PALMER LEWIS OCTAGON HOUSE NOMINATION

There was no update from the previous month.

POSSIBLE GRANT FROM WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Barb stated the proposal was submitted in November, 2009. It is being reviewed internally, and will go to a board that also reviews National Register nominations. She reported that the grant money earmarked for local government groups or organizations comes from offshore oil leases; however, Congress has not been releasing all the funds for historic preservation. She encouraged having the Commission sign up to be listed as a supporter of the request to release the funds. **MOTION** by Mach/Holley to have the La Crosse County Historic Sites Commission join the national effort to release funds for historic preservation. **Motion carried unanimously.** Schuppel excused.

DISCUSS IDEAS FOR AN EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATION

The bookmarks have been printed, and will be distributed as follows:

- Anne—West Salem library, schools, historical society, and Girl Scouts; Aquinas High School
- Vicki—UW-L archaeology lab and museum
- Barb—La Crosse city library
- Kent—Holmen library, middle school and high school
- Margaret—County libraries and other County offices
- Bev—La Crosse high schools and middle schools and/or school district offices; County Board

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

All items but the educational publication will remain.

NEXT MEETING

March 5, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Sween/Holley to Adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Approved, March 31, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder