

HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
Administrative Center, Room B390
9:00 a.m.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Margaret Norden

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vicki Twinde-Javner called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2010

MOTION by Mach/Kooiman to approve the Minutes of February 5, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DESIGNATION OF WRIGHT FARM AS A LA CROSSE COUNTY HISTORIC SITE

The designation was recorded with the Register of Deeds. Vicki will draft a letter to inform the owners, and also check on either having a plaque made or providing a certificate.

UPDATE ON COMMISSION'S WEBSITE

Barb will work on taking photos in rural areas.

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

Corporation Counsel has not yet provided a recommendation. Vicki will email Dave Lange regarding the status.

UPDATE ON NOMINATIONS / RESOLUTION PROCESS

Bev reported on a conversation she had with a representative from a bicycling group regarding the Iron Overhead Truss Bridge, and his interest in extending the bike path along Highway 16, and having the bridge moved to be part of the bike path. Discussion was held regarding the parties who should be consulted. Barb suggested talking with the Town of Hamilton Board as a first step, and also talking with the McGilvray Road group that had a historic bridge moved to the Van Loon Preserve, and lobbying the DOT. Vicki asked if the Commission would still like to proceed with the nomination. The consensus was that it should proceed, and Vicki will talk to Corporation Counsel about a Resolution to go to the Planning, Resources, and Development Committee as a first step toward County Board approval.

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS / NOMINATION PROCESS

- Striped School
- Oehler Farmstead
- Greenfield Town Hall
- Mindoro Cut
- Swarthout House—The West Salem Historical Society newsletter included photographs of the Lake Neshonoc Dam and Swarthout House that could be used in a nomination.
- Lake Neshonoc Dam & Powerhouse—as above.
- Stone Cellar in Town of Greenfield
- Middle Ridge School—There has been no follow-up from the interest group.

No further updates than those noted.

UPDATE ON PALMER LEWIS OCTAGON HOUSE NOMINATION

The Commission reviewed the information that was provided by Errol Kindschy on the octagon architecture. **MOTION** by Schuppel/Loomis to nominate the Palmer Lewis Octagon House as a Historic Site in La Crosse County. **Motion carried unanimously.** Notice of a public hearing will be published twice in the *La Crosse Tribune* prior to holding the hearing at the May 7, 2010, meeting. Notification will be sent to Errol Kindschy.

UPDATE ON GRANT FROM WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A grant was awarded in the amount of \$7,500.00 to nominate the Oehler Farmstead to the National Register. Barb reviewed the process going forward: The Wisconsin Historical Society is currently advertising for a qualified historic preservation professional to research and prepare the necessary paperwork. That application deadline is April 5, 2010. The applications will be forwarded to the Commission, and the Commission may then choose a consultant. The consultant will submit progress reports and invoices. The invoices are paid to the consultant, and the Commission asks for reimbursement from the Wisconsin Historical Society.

DISCUSS IDEAS FOR AN EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATION

Vicki asked if the Commission still wished to consider producing an educational booklet. Discussion was held regarding alternatives that could be considered, e.g. revising the brochure, and transferring the budgeted amount for another use. Consensus was that the item could be removed from the agenda for consideration in 2010, and be reconsidered in the future. Discussion was then held about bookmark distribution. In addition to sites previously identified, they will be provided to the Onalaska schools, the UWL library and research center, and the Onalaska tourism center and LACVB.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Grant application review on the June 4, 2010, agenda. Staff will send the applications and letters by the end of the day, March 31, 2010;
- Public hearing on the nomination of the Palmer/Lewis Octagon House as a Historic Site;
- All other items will remain, except Discuss Ideas for an Educational Publication.

NEXT MEETING

May 7, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Sween/Loomis to Adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Approved, May 7, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder