

HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Friday, June 3, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Twinde-Javner, King Holley (9:05 a.m.), Barb Kooiman (9:06 a.m.), Anne Loomis, Beverly Mach, Harriet Schuppel, Kent Sween

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Margaret Norden, Jeff Bluske

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Twinde-Javner called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 6, 2011

MOTION by Mach/Sween to approve the Minutes from May 6, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Holley, Kooiman excused.

DISCUSS REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 22 OF COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

Jeff Bluske from the Zoning Department addressed ordinance revisions. He stated there are difficulties with oversight when townships lack consistency and are not aware of the requirements of the ordinance. Even though building permits are supposed to be obtained for construction, owners do not necessarily do that. He recommended giving plaques to show the historic site designation (which the Commission is now doing), and even to award them retroactively to previous designations so owners are made aware. Barb Kooiman stated that the permit application process can be a way to educate owners on the importance of maintaining historic design and doing appropriate renovation. Bluske recommended bringing the request for ordinance changes to the Planning, Resources, and Development Committee and having them provide direction to staff. Vicki Twinde-Javner will write a letter to request to be put on the PRD agenda.

APPROVE COUNTY GRANT RECIPIENT

Two applications for county grant monies were received: Norskedalen requested the full amount for archaeological artifact gathering and display, and the Preservation Alliance of La Crosse requested the full amount for electrification of the cobbler shop at the Hixon House site. Discussion was held about each project. **MOTION** by Schuppel/Loomis to award Preservation Alliance of La Crosse with the full \$1,000 grant. **Motion carried unanimously.** Kooiman, Holley abstained.

UPDATE ON OEHLER FARM NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

Barb Kooiman reported that she met with the family, and they have agreed to proceed with a nomination. She has contacted Tim Heggland, who has already done background research, and he is confident the timeline can be met by September 30, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: MIDDLE RIDGE SCHOOL

The Resolution states that the Middle Ridge School is located in the Town of Washington. The school's history is unique because it was the site of a public-parochial partnership with Catholic nuns serving as teachers in a public school from 1908-1965. The original school building dates to 1890 and is preserved intact. **MOTION** by Kooiman/Loomis to approve the Resolution Re: Middle Ridge School. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION RE: STRIPED SCHOOL

The Resolution states that the Striped School in the Town of Burns is an excellent example of a one-room school that was in continuous operation from 1859 until 1963. The school's history is documented in a collection in the school, and the building is preserved. The school name comes from the horizontal painting of its siding. **MOTION** by Kooiman/Loomis to approve the Resolution Re: Striped School. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEXT MEETING: There will be no meeting in July. Next meeting will be August 5, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kooiman/Schuppel to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Approved, August 5, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder