

HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Friday, October 7, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3212

9:00 a.m.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: King Holley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anne Loomis

STAFF & GUESTS: Margaret Norden

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Vicki Twinde-Javner called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

MOTION by Mach/Sween to approve the Minutes of September 2, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Holley excused; Loomis absent.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY GRANT INTERIM REPORT FROM PAL

The interim report was received from Preservation Alliance of La Crosse regarding their project to electrify the Greek Revival building at the Hixon House site. They plan to rely on volunteer help for digging trenches, and needed to wait until the Hixon House tour season was done to have volunteers available. Installation has tentatively been scheduled with their contractor for mid-October, 2011. **MOTION** by Schuppel/Mach to accept the County Grant Interim report from PAL. **Motion carried unanimously.** Holley excused; Loomis absent.

UPDATE ON PLAQUES FOR THE MIDDLE RIDGE SCHOOL AND STRIPED SCHOOL

Vicki Twinde-Javner brought the completed plaques for the Middle Ridge and Striped School designations. Bev Mach stated she will deliver the Middle Ridge School plaque; they are not expecting a presentation ceremony. The Striped School plaque was referred for further information regarding a presentation.

UPDATE ON OEHLER FARM NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

A letter from Tim Heggland was received that contained his invoice for \$4,000.00 for completion of the Oehler National Register nomination. Barb Kooiman reported that she will re-contact Heggland, but expected project completion by the end of the week. The County has billed the Wisconsin Historic Society, and they will pay Heggland when the final report is submitted.

DISCUSS WISCONSIN HISTORIC SOCIETY GRANT MONEY

The total amount of grant money awarded by the Wisconsin Historic Society exceeds the cost of completing the Oehler nomination. The WHS wishes are for the entire amount to be used. Vicki Twinde-Javner reported that County Finance has told her that the additional \$3,500 should be used in the next six months. Discussion was held regarding use of the funds, including a short track grant, plaques for all designated sites, designing a new brochure, and re-printing and distributing bookmarks. The following needs to be determined: WHS parameters about how the funds can be spent, list of designated sites and nomination dates, mailing list of historical societies.

DISCUSS STORAGE OF PRINT MATERIALS

The Commission's print materials, including boxes of brochures and bookmarks, are currently stored in the County Board's storage closet, and there is no room remaining for items the County Board needs to store. The Facilities Department has stated they have no other storage available. There will be time set on the November 4, 2011, agenda to box materials for storage off-site. Discussion was held regarding distribution and printing of different bookmarks. Barb Kooiman will look at photos. Vicki Twinde-Javner will talk to Finance regarding carryover of the print budget.

UPDATE ON REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 22 OF COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

No further update.

UPDATE ON NOMINATIONS / RESOLUTION PROCESS

- Iron Overhead Truss Bridge (tabled)

No update.

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS / NOMINATION PROCESS

- Greenfield Town Hall
- Mindoro Cut
- Swarthout House

No update.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Boxing print materials for distribution will be added for November, and PAL interim report will be deleted. All other items will remain. There will be a budget update and a final grant report in December.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 4, 2011

ADJOURN

MOTION by Kooiman/Schuppel to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Holley excused; Loomis absent. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Approved, November 4, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder