

HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Friday, February 3, 2012
Administrative Center – Room 3212
9:00 a.m.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Anne Loomis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Margaret Norden, Jerry Monti

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Vicki Twinde-Javner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Monti, deputy clerk, Town of Onalaska, spoke about the town hall at Midway that dates back to the 1800s, and his interest in seeing it nominated as a historic site. Chair Twinde-Javner explained the nomination and approval process. Recommendations were given regarding research sources.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2011

MOTION by Mach/Kooiman to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Loomis excused.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF 2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES

A list of current membership dues, totaling \$195.00, was provided. **MOTION** by Kooiman/Sween to approve payment of 2012 membership dues. **Motion carried unanimously.** Loomis excused.

UPDATE ON OEHLER FARM NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

The Wisconsin Historical Society provided correspondence stating that the Oehler Mill Complex will be considered for nomination to the State and National Registers of Historic Places at the February 17, 2012 meeting.

DISCUSS WISCONSIN HISTORIC SOCIETY GRANT MONEY

Chair Twinde-Javner brought plaques that have been done for previously-approved sites. Discussion was held regarding uses for the \$3,500 balance of WHS grant money that remains after expenses for the national register nomination. Expenses that the balance will cover include plaques and postage money to mail plaques that are not hand delivered. Discussion was held about bookmarks, and it was determined that there could be up to eight different photos used. Suggestion was made to use photographs of the Nichols House and Octagon House, in addition to those previously chosen. Discussion was then held about using remaining state grant funds for a one-time addition to the County grant amount vs. printing a new brochure. The La Crosse County Historical Society requested to place an insert in any brochure that is published. In addition to the state grant money, there are printing funds in the 2012 budget, and carry-over funds from 2011 designated for printing. At the next meeting, photos and descriptive paragraphs will be reviewed, and a decision made about hiring a graphic artist. **MOTION** by Kooiman/Mach to do a new brochure at an amount to be determined. **Motion carried unanimously.** Loomis excused.

APPROVE 2012 COUNTY GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER AND FORM

Draft versions of a letter and application form for the annual County grant were provided. Discussion was held regarding the due dates. Applications will be due by May 18, 2012, and

the final report due by November 16, 2012. **MOTION** by Schuppel/Holley to approve the 2012 County grant announcement letter and form. **Motion carried unanimously.** Loomis excused.

APPROVE FINAL REPORT FROM PRESERVATION ALLIANCE FOR 2011 COUNTY GRANT

Preservation Alliance of La Crosse provided its final grant report on its project to electrify the Greek Revival house adjacent to the Hixon House property. In addition to the County grant of \$1,000 they received a donation of an electrical panel from Viking Electric, and 50% of labor costs from P&T Electric. The total cost, minus donations and grant award, was \$1,235.89.

MOTION by Schuppel/Mach to approve the final report from Preservation Alliance of La Crosse for the 2011 County grant. **Motion carried unanimously.** Loomis excused.

UPDATE ON PLAQUE PRESENTATION FOR STRIPED SCHOOL

Anne Loomis provided a report that she presented the plaque.

DISCUSS STORAGE OF PRINT MATERIALS

King Holley and Chair Twinde-Javner offered to store extra materials that are currently in County office storage.

APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT TO WISCONSIN HISTORIC SOCIETY

Chair Twinde-Javner drafted a 2012 annual report to the Wisconsin Historic Society. The summary included the two additions to the County historic sites approval list, the WHS grant that funded research and nomination of the Oehler Farm to the National Register, and the County grant awarded to Preservation Alliance of La Crosse. **MOTION** by Kooiman/Schuppel to approve the annual report to Wisconsin Historic Society with changes. **Motion carried unanimously.** Loomis excused.

UPDATE ON NOMINATIONS / RESOLUTION PROCESS

- Iron Overhead Truss Bridge (tabled)

No further update.

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS / NOMINATION PROCESS

- Greenfield Town Hall
- Mindoro Cut
- Other nominations

No further update.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The membership dues, plaque presentation, 2012 grant announcement letter, PAL final report, and WHS annual report, will be removed. Town of Onalaska town hall may be added to the list of possible nominations.

NEXT MEETING: March 2, 2012.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Kooiman/Holley to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Approved, March 2, 2012, Margaret Norden, Recorder