

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015
6:00 P.M.

Meeting Rooms D&E
City-County Government Center

160 South Macy Street
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Present - John Huberty
Teresa Keenan
Brian Kolstad
Lisa Pauly
Tony Roden
Steve Schoofs

Absent - Cathy Boyle, excused

Administrative Staff - Dyann Benson, Dir of Comm
Development

Chairperson Pauly declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 15, 2015

Motion made by Commissioner Schoofs to approve the minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission of the July 15, 2015 meeting as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Keenan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye - Huberty, Keenan, Kolstad,
Pauly, Roden, Schoofs
Nay - None

Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

There was general discussion about the upcoming speaker event planned for the February 11, 2016 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Dyann Benson reviewed the

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topic and speaker information: Kathleen Kline, coauthor of the book *People of the Sturgeon: Wisconsin's Love Affair With an Ancient Fish* will be presenting information from her book to tie into the opening of sturgeon spearing season.

DISCUSSION

Review of the Local Historic Designation Booklet

Initiator: Dyann Benson, Community Development Director

Dyann Benson provided the background of the booklet which has been compiled by the Community Development staff to provide information on locally designated historic properties. Since the initial presentation to the Commission in May, additional details and revisions to the text and photographs have been made. Those updates were reviewed and discussed.

Verbal Update on Status

Location: Convent of the Holy Nativity – 101 East Division Street

Initiator: Dyann Benson, Community Development Director

Dyann Benson updated the Commission on the condition of the structure after a recent fire in which the back portion of the building was destroyed; it is unclear if the front section can be preserved. The City Building Inspection Department issued a Raze or Repair Order to the property owner of the damaged structure in September. The Wisconsin State Historical Society was notified of the Raze or Repair Order since the property is located on the State and National Register of Historic Places and has approved issuance of the demolition permit upon the deadline for the Raze and Repair Order

Verbal Update on Status

Location: Lakeside Park – Fountain Island Bridge

Initiator: Dyann Benson, Director of Community Development

Dyann Benson reviewed information that the Commission has been considering regarding the Fountain Island Bridge's designation eligibility. In past meetings, an idea was presented to relocate the bridge to a different location in Lakeside Park.

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The Parks and Engineering Departments have considered a number of potential sites for the historic segment of the Fountain Island Bridge. Dyann Benson briefly reviewed the possible locations. The HPC will discuss the possible locations in detail at their November meeting.

Discussion Regarding Exterior Alterations

Location: 2 North Main Street and 199 East Division Street

Initiator: Dyann Benson, Director of Community Development

Dyann Benson updated the Commission members on the color and paint selections for the property at 199 East Division.

Repairs to the property at 2 North Main Street were discussed. Some concerns were expressed regarding the owner's ability to complete the work.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Possible Designations

Several possibilities were mentioned as potential future designations including properties after they reach the 50-year mark and properties that are representative examples of mid-century architecture.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

It was stated that the Martin House, located at 745 Martin Road, has been placed on the real estate market for sale.

A recap of some topics presented at the Wisconsin Historical Society's Local History and Preservation Conference from October 9, 2015 was given. Some ideas were given for refreshing the annual walking tour for May's Historic Preservation month and talking about the details of architectural styles.

There was also an update given on the relocation of the Dress Shop at 254 Linden Street.

