

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF MARCH 5, 2012 MEETING**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Wood at 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room 108 of City Hall Plaza.

**PRESENT:** Ken Wood, Chairperson; Carl Scott, Vice Chairperson; Alderman Dave LaFontaine; Bill Penker; David Korth; Ken Bargender; and, Keith Meacham.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Denise Sonnemann, Executive Director of Main Street Marshfield; Angela McGauley-Jacobson, Planning Intern; Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator; Chris and Erin Howard; Vickie and Holly Schnitzler; Patti Meis; Ruth Voss; Shirley Mook; Tanya Hoerneman; Alderman Ed Wagner; and, Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director.

**Approval of the Minutes of January 9, 2012 Meeting.**

**HP12-03** Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Penker to approve the minutes of the 1/9/2012 meeting.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried.**

**Citizen Comments.**

Carl Scott spoke about a similar train engine shelter from Bismarck, North Dakota that had a little cab with windows on the top to make it look like a caboose and commented that maybe if the roof is replaced, the shelter for the 2442 could have a similar roof.

Chris and Erin Howard spoke about concerns they and their neighbors had about the proposed trail along Park Street. They did not want to see the trees cut down nor did they want a 10 foot wide asphalt path along the street. Park Street is part of a Historic District and has a lot of character. Taking down the trees and paving that stretch would be detrimental to the neighborhood.

Patty Meis asked if this was the only route considered.

Ed Englehart explained the proposed route and said the original route cut through people’s back yards. The option to use the sidewalk and reserve bike lanes on the street is still on the table, however, because the project is largely funded by a grant, there are certain standards that have to be met for the trail and they will work with the consultant to ensure the route meets those standards.

Shirley Mook said that everyone should try to attend the public informational meeting for the McMillan-Wildwood Trail at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Wildwood Station.

Carl Scott asked if Ed Englehart could attend the April 2, 2012 meeting to present the latest information on the trail as well as the potential impacts to Park Street.

**Review of Buildings of Historical Interest List Plaque Information.**

Miller presented the spreadsheet and explained how it documents the space available on the downtown building facades for possible plaque locations. The Committee felt it was good to have the database, but it was probably not necessary to review the list at every meeting.

## **Update on Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442 Plaque Language.**

Penker asked how much money is available for the plaque. Miller stated that \$800 was available as a carry-forward from 2011, plus whatever was budgeted for 2012. He will look it up and get back to the Committee.

The plaque on the train engine in Stevens Point is 21" x 21" and Bargender suggested having a plaque at least that size for the 2442. Scott suggested we have 1 plaque that is for historic designation purposes and 1 sign that is informational. Penker asked that an agenda item be placed on the next agenda to make a decision for the wording of the plaque. Scott mentioned that the roof will need to be replaced soon and that the Committee may want to talk to the Parks and Recreation Department about incorporating an educational sign as part of that project.

## **Discussion to Pay for the Subscription to Develop the QR Codes for Buildings and Places of Historic Significance.**

**HP12-04** Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Penker to approve paying \$237 for a three month subscription to develop the QR Codes.

**Bargender abstained; rest voted 'Aye'.**

**Motion Carried.**

Korth stated that 90% of the people that he talked to at the Cultural Fair supported the QR Code idea. Wood said that some did not want the QR Code to be the only way they can see the historic information. Many don't have smart phones. Penker said we should be careful not to alienate certain segments of the population that may not have access to smart phones.

Miller commented that the City's website would link to the webpage with the historical buildings.

## **Discussion to Consider Placing the Expo Building Located on the Marshfield Fair Grounds on an Historical Register.**

**HP12-05** Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Penker to encourage the Fair Commission to preserve the Expo Building and not tear it down.

**Bargender abstained; rest voted 'Aye'.**

**Motion Carried.**

The Fair Commission is looking at options for repairing the Expo Building in the Fairgrounds. Scott said the building is in wonderful structural shape, and the repairs are mostly cosmetic such as the roof and siding. Korth mentioned that the original roof had windows that opened that are currently closed and that those would probably have to be restored. Scott estimated a cost of approximately \$3,000 to go through a study to determine if it meets the State and National standards for historic preservation.

Alderman LaFontaine asked if the building could be restored without having to place it on a historical register. We would need more information before money could be committed to the project. Miller stated that it could be restored without the designation. Placing the building on the local register would trigger a requirement that would give the Committee an opportunity to review and recommend how the repairs took place. Placing the building on the National or State Historic Register would require that the City negotiate with the State Historic Preservation Office on how the repairs could be completed.

Shirley Mook stated that the building was built in 1925 by Felhofer. It was financed by the City of

Marshfield for \$1,000 for 10 years. It was built for its current purpose.

**Review of the Marshfield Cultural Fair.**

Wood said the event was a great success and that we went through most of the walking tour brochures that were displayed. Korth said he was impressed with the number of people that stopped by the table and he would prefer to be in the gym again next year. Overall there was a tremendous interest from the public and those that attended felt that the Committee should participate again next year.

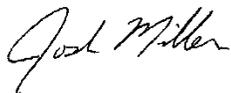
**Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.**

The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting will be Monday, April 2, 2012. The agenda should include approval of the March 5, 2012 meeting minutes, determine plaque language for the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442, presentation and update on the McMillan-Wildwood Trail from Ed Englehart, discussion on the Expo Building's historical significance and needed repairs, and progress on the QR Codes along with Historic Preservation Month Activities.

**Adjourn.**

Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Korth to adjourn meeting at 5:05 P.M.  
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Miller  
Planner/Zoning Administrator