

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF NOVEMBER 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; Carl Scott; Alderperson Gary Cummings; Ken Bargender; Keith Meacham; and Bill Penker.

ABSENT: None

ALSO

PRESENT: Tom Ptak, North Wood County Historical Society; Denise Sonnemann, Executive Director of Main Street Marshfield; Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator;

Approval of the Minutes of October 1, 2012 Meeting.

HP12-39 Motion by Scott, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of the 10/1/2012 meeting.
All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments.

Bill Penker arrived at 4:01 p.m.

Miller explained where the Common Council was regarding the non-resident committee member. City Administrator Steve Barg is looking at what policies surrounding communities have in place. Once he gathers that information, he will report back to the Common Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Membership to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Miller explained the cost and the benefits. Committee suggested if individuals want to join they could, but a group membership was not of interest at this time.

Request for Volunteers for the Great Things Are Happening Here Event.

Miller explained that the Great Things are Happening Here event is taking place on Sunday, November 11th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Setup begins at noon. We will be using a trifold for the display, showing the walking tour brochures. Miller and Wood are planning to be there to set up. Cummings will plan on attending around 2:00-2:30 pm and help take down.

Discussion about Placing Historical Building Signs on Properties that have Historical Significance for next May’s Historic Preservation Month.

Wood clarified that this would be temporary signs. The Committee asked if the signs would likely be taken if they were placed on Central Avenue. Denise Sonnemann said she’s had very few problems with that on Central Avenue. Penker suggested we look at dates on the Buildings of Historical Interest list. Do we want to identify this by age, physical appearance, significance? What should we look to highlight? What’s the purposed behind placing the signs on the buildings? He said it fits with promoting history within the community, but does it draw people to the community?

Wood said that Marshfield does not promote itself outside Marshfield. We’ve got to start getting the word out that we exist. Does “Wisconsin Trails” magazine still publish? All sorts of communities have

ads in there. Cummings said they (CVB/MACCI) do have a booth in the State Fair.

Scott said we should have a history included when we place signs on buildings. Find out which buildings that have been written up. Bargender said there should be something on the sign or in the building that people can read about the history of the building or at least given a brief explanation of why it is historic.

Wood has been working on histories of some of the local buildings prior to the QR Code project.

The Committee agreed they will revisit this idea again in the annual meeting to update the 2010 Historic Preservation Plan.

Discussion to Fix up the Cab of the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442.

Meacham stated that the cab is not finished. For the past 15 years, it's been tough to get something done. The entire thing is dimensional lumber. The entire roof has to be taken off and replaced (tongue and groove). The side of the cab where the engineer sat is not finished. Windows have to be replaced and the slides for the cab windows for the engineer's side need to be replaced as well. Access doors for the injectors each have to be replaced. The cab seats have to be completely rebuilt. Ed Englehart has those drawing. There still needs to be a deck on the floor. On the fireman's side, there's a deck that the seats attached to that also has to be replaced. The biggest issue is to get the cab roof and one side of the cab done. It's difficult to get someone to work on it. One side is slightly off from the other side, so there are many challenges. The longer we wait, the worse it has gotten and will continue to get. Many things are rotting away. It will likely take a significant amount of money to make the necessary repairs.

Cummings asked if the Amish will cut the right sized lumber. Meacham said they will do it for a price. Scott asked what the possibility would be of getting a renovation specialist to get a cost estimate. Once we get the cost, then we should look for grant funding.

Scott said there are three railroad museums that might be a resource for who they would recommend to help with the project.

Wood said to get in touch with North Freedom on how to proceed with the renovation of the 2442. Penker suggested checking with the Circus Museum in Baraboo. Meacham also suggested checking with Union, Illinois (Illinois Railroad Museum) as they completely restore the entire engine.

Discussion about Setting Meeting Date to Update the 2010 Historic Preservation Plan.

HP12-40 Motion by Cummings, second by Scott to hold the meeting to discuss the Historic Preservation Plan update on Saturday, January 26, 2012 at 8:00 am at the Fire Station.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.

Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.

The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting will be Monday, December 3, 2012. The agenda should include approval of the November 5, 2012 meeting minutes, response from railroad museums, grant sources, Committee members should bring in advertising items or brochures from other communities to see what other advertising is being done.

Adjourn.

Motion by Penker, second by Scott to adjourn meeting at 4:40 P.M.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josh Miller".

Josh Miller
Planner/Zoning Administrator