

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 3, 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: Denise Sonnemann, Executive Director of Main Street Marshfield; Vickie Schnitzler; Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator.

Approval of the Minutes of November 5, 2012 Meeting.

HP12-41 Motion by Scott, second by Penker to approve the minutes of the 11/5/2012 meeting.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments.

None.

Summary of the Great Things Are Happening Here Event.

Wood explained that we handed out and let people know about the brochures. There are still many that don't know about the walking tour brochures.

Update on Annual Meeting to Update the 2010 Historic Preservation Plan.

Miller explained the meeting time and location for the plan update. Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 8:00 am. Staff will provide rolls and coffee.

Update on Information for Renovating the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442.

Miller updated the Committee about who he contacted and what information he was able to collect. Staff sent emails to the Lake Superior Railroad Museum in Duluth, Minnesota, the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in North Freedom, Wisconsin, and the Circus World Museum in Baraboo. Staff also tried to get in touch with the Illinois Railroad Museum in Union, Illinois, but they are closed this time of year and they don't have a way to leave a message. Miller explained the information that was provided from Mel Sando from the Lake County Historical Society who recently went through two train restoration projects.

Cummings asked Meacham about asbestos. Originally there was asbestos, but that was already addressed.

Miller asked about cost estimates for restoration repair. Meacham said we would have to ask someone from a museum to come up and take a look at the cab. Penker asked if anyone still runs a steam locomotive. North Freedom does and a few others. Any restoration to return to operation is quite substantial and expensive.

Miller asked what the Committee wanted to do. Carl asked to follow up with them next month. Ask about craftsmen that could be doing this on a regular basis. Cummings asked Meacham to come up with a list of things that need to be improved so Miller can share it with the people he contacts.

Discussion to Participate in the Marshfield Cultural Fair Held Saturday, February 23, 2013.

HP12-42 Motion by Penker, second by Scott to register for the Cultural Fair and pay \$20 for the registration fee.

Penker voted Nay, all others voted 'Aye' Motion Carried.

Wood says it's the best PR we have. A lot of people come in and learn about the Committee. There was a concern about whether the Historic Preservation Committee fits in with the Cultural Fair. Wood commented that the buildings of Marshfield are part of the cultural of Marshfield.

Discussion of Historic Preservation Grant Resources.

Scott said there was Wisconsin Historical Society program for Local Certified Governments that requires no match. We have to establish what we want to do, such as the old armory, the expo building, and another building to put them on different historic registers. Apply for it this year by giving a letter of intent and getting some estimates from consultants.

Scott suggested we would look to offer the presentation to the Weinbrenner Shoe Factory for possible tax credits.

Discussion about the Renovation Project for the Marshfield Middle School.

Miller explained what he found out about the repair and maintenance project. Scott said the federal funding they receive may trigger a review. He suggested we have Ron Sturomski, School District Building and Grounds Director come speak to the Committee about what they propose to do on the renovation project.

Penker would like to have seen an earlier presentation by the School Board to the Committee. Other than the oversight from Madison, there isn't any informal oversight.

Bargender said he's been through the school recently and noticed when they have had renovation projects, there have not been any preservation efforts.

Wood stated that maintenance is a low priority in most schools.

Scott's main concern is that they don't ruin what is already there.

Committee wants to have Ron Sturomski attend an upcoming meeting and explain the project in more detail.

Discussion about Advertising and Promoting of Marshfield's Historical Resources.

Penker presented what other communities are doing advertising their historic resources. He asked how we extend advertising of our historic resources. The Convention and Visitors Bureau should be involved. In Penker's experience, visitors all knew about the Kitchen Table and asked the fastest way to get to the zoo. A lot of word of mouth, but nobody asks about the historic resources. Wood says we'll

have to see who the new director is and then we'll look to approach the Convention and Visitors Bureau about focusing more on the City's historic resources.

Bargender said that advertising through paper is likely a thing of the past and advertising moving forward will primarily be through internet and electronic advertising.

Scott said we should look to address it through the Economic Development Board. Cummings said they are just getting started.

Bargender said there is a biannual publication of regional events from the Marshfield News-Herald. He went through the Wood County information in the last publication, but they didn't have anything about historical districts. He'll bring it to the next meeting.

Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.

The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2013. The agenda should include approval of the December 3, 2012 meeting minutes, discussion of Escape Publication, update on 2013 Budget, and ask Middle School Buildings and Grounds Director to present.

Adjourn.

Motion by Penker, second by Meacham to adjourn meeting at 5:17 P.M.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Miller
Planner/Zoning Administrator