

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF OCTOBER 6, 2014 MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Wood at 4:02 P.M. in Conference Room 108 of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Ken Wood; Alderperson Gary Cummings; Ken Bargender; Kris Keogh; Vickie Schnitzler; and, Bill Penker.

ABSENT: Keith Meacham (excused).

ALSO

PRESENT: McLean, Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau; and, Josh Miller, City Planner.

Approval of the Minutes of August 4, 2014 Meeting.

HP14-29 Motion by Penker second by Cummings to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting.

Motion Carried.

Kris Keogh arrived at 4:03 P.M.

Citizen Comments.

Penker handed out an article about a vacant historical building that was subject to an arson fire. If it had sprinklers, it would not have burned down.

Wood said the shrubs at the Upham Mansion have been removed.

Discussion Regarding the Historic Tourism Plaques.

Miller stated that, with the help of Matt McLean, he presented the plaque information to the Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts and they were in favor of it. They sent it to a committee for review of the language and identify a suitable location for the plaque. We are waiting to hear back from them. Matt McLean will follow up at the next Chestnut Avenue Board Meeting to see where they were at with their decision.

Update on the 2014 Budget.

Miller went over the budget and stated there would be enough money left over to cover the remaining expenses. Some reimbursement could be made for those attending the conference.

Discussion of Having the Seats Restored as Part of the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442 Restoration Project.

HP14-30 Motion by Cummings second by Schnitzler to direct staff to get quotes on the seats after working with Keith Meacham.

Motion Carried.

Bargender mentioned that we may not want to upholster the seats as it would be exposed to weather. Should consider just doing the framing now.

Schnitzler asked if we could just do a bench and then if you need a seat, set it in later.

Miller explained that if there were significant changes from the original design, it would have to be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office.

Discussion about the Great Things Are Happening Here Event.

HP14-31 Motion by Schnitzler second by Penker to sign up for the Great Things Are Happening Here Event and direct staff to submit the registration form.

Motion Carried.

Wood will be there and he said he asked in the application to be separate from the North Wood County Historical Society.

Bargender and Cummings will look at their calendars to see if they are available. Keogh may attend if others could help her tend to the booth.

Discussion Regarding the Zoning for the Upham Mansion Block.

Wood went over the background information for how this item came about.

Penker explained the zoning surrounding the block. The Downtown Master Plan supports this area being considered for mixed use development.

Wood said that the North Wood County Historical Society would be opposed to a rezoning for the Upham Mansion and the surrounding properties.

Penker suggested that the North Wood County Historical Society to get involved in the Downtown Master Plan process.

Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.

The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2014. The agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting should include approval of the October 6, 2014 meeting minutes, requirements for seat restoration for the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442, update on the Soo Line restoration project, and Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts plaque language.

Adjourn.

Motion by Penker, second by Bargender to adjourn meeting at 4:58 P.M.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Miller
City Planner