

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 MEETING

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

PRESENT: Ken Wood; Ken Bargender; Bill Penker; Vickie Schnitzler; Kris Keogh; and, Kris Coleman.

ABSENT: Alderperson; Jason Zaleski.

ALSO

PRESENT: Josh Miller, City Planner; and, Christine Eisner, resident.

Approval of the Minutes of July 11, 2016 Meeting.

HP16-26 Motion by Penker, second by Wood to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting.
Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments.

Christine Eisner was present to talk about her property on 315 West 5th Street. It's over 100 years old and it's in the process of being condemned and she would like it to be saved. The Building Inspector is claiming the foundation is crumbling, but she says it's not. She added that Thomas Springborne (sp?) built the property and Otto Meyer owned it at some point and those are historical figures.

Miller replied that because there are court proceedings, the Committee is not in a position to take action. If the court overturns the decision to condemn the building, Ms. Eisner will inform staff and they will check with the City Attorney to see if the Committee can do anything regarding designating the property as historic.

Penker shared the article from Madison State Journal newspaper highlighting each neighborhood in the Madison area. There was a caption of each neighborhood in 30 words.

Bargender said their display at the Fairgrounds was bigger than ever and had more people go through it than ever. The event for the Round Barn could have been better coordinated with the Fair Association.

2016 Historic Preservation Committee Budget Update.

Miller gave an update on the Budget and said the Committee is in good shape for the rest of the year with an estimated \$300 remaining unaccounted for that could be used for projects such as stickers for the yard signs are other projects the Committee has been working on.

Discussion of Buildings of Historical Interest Brochures.

Miller gave an update on the 2442 brochure and stated that the Committee changed focus to get the 2442 brochure done instead of the Buildings of Historical Interest.

Coleman asked if we have a brochure for the Round Barn. No one knew and suggested we asked the Fair Association. Keogh will check with her husband. Bargender asked if there is a QR Code story

prepared for the Round Barn. Schnitzler thought there was information put together, but wasn't certain the information was tied to a QR Code.

The Committee will review the Buildings of Historical Interest progress at the next meeting.

Discussion of a Brochure Display Case in the Wildwood Station Pavilion.

Bargender said we should contact a cabinet maker about the brochure display case. He has one in mind that he could reach out to. Schnitzler said we could look at the design and cost estimate over the winter. Bargender will reach out to him to discuss options. Miller will provide the dimensions of the available space.

Discussion of Promoting the 2442 at Maple Fall Fest.

Bargender said that Keith Meacham and the Train club will be there and the Committee is not overly involved in it during the Maple Fall Fest. Meacham will be in uniform. They will be there Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 10 am – 2 pm.

Penker said if they could get the same coverage they got from the Round Barn, that would be great.

Coleman said if we planned for next year, we could make book marks and hand them out at the school when there are open houses. Keogh said they could work with the teachers and organize tours.

Schnitzler said in the future maybe we could come up with hours would be available once a month.

Discussion of Developing a Hungry Hollow Historic District.

Wood stated that it's Hollow not Hallow.

Wood was looking for input from the Committee for what the boundaries should be. Eventually, Wood would like a plaque describing the district. Maybe we could use the term Neighborhood of Historical Interest. Wood has the north and south boundaries but needs an east and west boundary. The neighborhood is unique because Mr. Roddis backed and guaranteed the mortgage with the bank on the homes.

Wood asked if the Committee would like a history of each house in the district.

Schnitzler asked what we are going to do with the information once it's together. Wood just wanted to see a marker of some kind.

Bargender said the west boundary would have to be Apple Avenue. Schnitzler asked for a map to look at for next time. Wood will put it together.

Penker would be interested in calling it a Neighborhood of Historical Interest and would be interested in the history of each building. Keogh feels like this could make a difference in the neighborhood itself. Coleman said it may help the values of the homes.

Schnitzler said we should mark the houses that we should consider. Wood will outline the district and list the age of the houses.

Discussion about the Great Things Are Happening Here Event.

Miller explained that the Great Things Are Happening Here event is coming up on Sunday, November 13th from 1-4 pm. There is no cost for the event and setup begins at noon. At least two volunteers are needed to staff the display and the time could be split into multiple shifts. Schnitzler said we will probably be stationed in the Geneology Room.

HP16-27 Motion by Coleman second by Wood to sign up for the Great Things Are Happening Here Event and direct staff to submit the registration form.

Motion Carried.

Penker suggested for a low cost prize to reach out to Rotary lighting by having someone ring the bell at the train. Miller will reach out to Rotary.

Discussion of Opportunities to Promote Historic Tax Credits.

Penker suggested we put together information about the Tax Credits and use the Common Councils agenda item on the Boards, Commission and Committees. Look at doing a presentation there and also come up with a newspaper article. Coleman will reach out to Liz Welter to do a story about that. Coleman also suggested including it in the realtor packets. Staff will work with Coleman.

Staff Updates

- Comprehensive Plan Update. Miller stated that the Mid-Term Report Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Training Room of the Fire Station.

Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.

The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting in August will be canceled. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016. The agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting should include approval of the Monday, September 12, 2016 meeting minutes, review of Buildings of Historical Interest Brochure information, update on QR Code analytics, volunteers for Great Things Are Happening Here event, Hungry Hollow Neighborhood of Historical Interest, update on promotion of tax credits, and other topics that may come up.

Adjourn.

Motion by Penker, second by Keogh to adjourn meeting at 5:10 P.M.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Miller
City Planner