

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF AUGUST 3, 2015 MEETING

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

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

ABSENT: Keith Meacham (excused); and, Vickie Schnitzler (excused).

ALSO

PRESENT: Matt McLean, Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau; Angie Eloranta, Executive Director of Main Street; and, Josh Miller, City Planner.

Approval of the Minutes of July 6, 2015 Meeting.

HP15-23 Motion by Bargender, second by Keogh to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting.

Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments.

Bargender said Hub City Days seemed like a great success. He was part of the car show. Overall, a lot of positive feedback was received about the events that weekend.

Continue Discussion on the Buildings of Historical Interest Brochures.

Schnitzler is absent from today's meeting, but she is working on the list of buildings as well as a letter that can be sent out to property owners, asking their permission to include them in the brochure. That should be ready in time for the next meeting.

On a related matter, Wood said he is looking for color photos from 1960-present of events that took place in the City for the next book. He's looking for images of modern America. Keogh suggested checking with the Catholic school. The 1st volume is also available at Book World.

Penker arrived 4:09 pm.

Signup Discussion for the 2015 Fall Historic Preservation Conference.

Miller asked that anyone interested in going to the conference submit their registration in the next couple of days. Staff will process the form through the Finance Department and get you registered for the conference. Committee members will be responsible to get their own hotel room (if one is needed) and figure out transportation. It will be up to the Committee to decide what will be reimbursed.

Cost breakdown:

Registration: \$110 per person for Friday and Saturday registration
\$65 for Friday only
\$60 for Saturday only

Mileage: \$172.50 (approx. 300 miles roundtrip)

Hotel: \$70-\$99 per night (Madison Marriott)

There is \$353 remaining in the travel budget for 2015.

Discuss Status of Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442.

This past week, staff met with Justin Casperson to discuss the status and future plans for the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442. He is planning on attending the next Historic Preservation Committee meeting to begin a dialog about the future of the steam engine. We discussed accessibility, the path around the steam engine, lighting, fencing, and signage. At this point, it would be a preliminary discussion to see if/how we want to move forward with any improvements to the area.

Bargender said he was an advocate of getting rid of the barbed wire on the top. Would be in favor of removing or changing the fence, but isn't an advocate of letting people to climb on it. A four-foot wrought iron fence would be more inviting.

Wood asked who the engine was presented to. Bargender said we should discuss that question with Meacham.

Penker asked Matt McLean if he could check in La Crosse and Two Harbors, MN if the engines there are open to the public.

Matt McLean asked if anyone from the Committee would be interested in opening the gate at the 2442 and being there to present information about the engine during Maple Fall Fest. Bargender suggested may he would want to reach out to Keith to see if he's interested and available.

Staff Updates.

- a. Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442 Restoration Work.
Miller stated that the roof work is complete. Dennis used 200 of the old copper roofing nails. All that remains to complete are the windows and seating area which should be completed and installed within the next couple of weeks. One of the windows needs to be rebuilt totally so it will take some more time.
- b. Historic District Sign.
Miller reported that the sign that was hit back in March was not taken into evidence and the Committee is free to do what it wants with it. The Committee suggested getting a quote from Kohs Machine Shop to fix it. The Committee will look at opportunities to reuse the sign, possibly on 2nd Street.
- c. Update on the Round Barn Concrete Replacement Project.
Miller shared that the concrete replacement project has been completed. The new concrete looks great and Marawood did a nice job preserving the stanchions for historical purposes. Miller will be videotaping the finished project tomorrow.

Wood mentioned organizing a video walking tour of people that have historic stories to share in various neighborhoods. He asked if the Committee had any suggestions of moving forward with that idea.

Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.

HP15-24 Motion by Penker, second by Cummings, to cancel the September meeting and hold the next meeting on October 5, 2015.

Motion Carried.

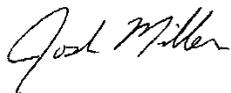
The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2015, tentatively at the Wildwood Pavilion. The agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting should include approval of the Monday, August 3, 2015 meeting minutes, updates on the Architectural Walking Tour Brochures, ordering new Historic Walking Tour Brochures, the plans for the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442 area, and discuss the plans for the STEM building (invite Michelle Boernke or Roxie Wetterau from the UW to the next meeting).

Adjourn.

Motion by Penker, second by Cummings to adjourn meeting at 4:47 P.M.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Miller
City Planner