

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF APRIL 11, 2005

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Fuelleman at 4:00 PM in the Executive Conference Room of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Sarah Fuelleman, Alderman Mike Feirer, Iris Guensburg, Rick Koran, Lyman Smith, David Korth

ABSENT: Jeff Cichantek (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Curtiss, Planner/Zoning Administrator (arrived 4:05pm)

Minutes of the March 14, 2005 meeting were presented for approval.

HP05-04 Motion by Guensburg, second by Korth to approve the minutes of the 3/14/05 meeting.

All Ayes.

Motion Carried

Update & Discussion on Historic Preservation Month 2005.

Two 3rd grade classes will be attending the May 18th guided tours of the downtown. The Historic Preservation Month Planning Committee is working to confirm dates with Bill Upham for his presentations. Don Schnitzler will participate in the public information meeting with the historic preservation consultant. The meeting is projected for the last week in May, with dates to be confirmed. Schnitzler will focus on the local history perspective of the historic resources, while the consultant provides architectural information and thematic histories.

Discussion on consultant's preliminary list of resources potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Curtiss provided the lease information on the Wienbrenner Shoe Factory building, as requested by Korth at last month's meeting. Korth questioned whether the lease terms or specific plans for renovations could impact the exterior integrity of the structure and its eligibility for NRHP listing.

Curtiss explained that under the lease terms, Wienbrenner is obligated to keep and maintain the premises. As part of the lease, Wienbrenner provided a schedule of improvements for the repair and maintenance of the facility. Scheduled projects included 'closing windows' and other maintenance or repairs to improve the energy efficiency of the building. In 2002, Weinbrenner updated the Building Inspector that this particular improvement project and others were on hold due to economic conditions, but would remain as 'future improvements' under terms of the lease. Curtiss noted that even with alterations to the exterior, the structure still has significance because it was built using WPA labor.

Approval of budget expenditures for Historic Preservation Month 2005.

HP05-05 Motion by Fuelleman, second by Koran to approve expenditure not to exceed \$59.80 for 20 dozen cookies and expenditure of \$236.36 for new yard signs.

All Ayes.

Motion Carried.

Discussion on Committee members whose term expires April 30, 2005.

Lyman Smith, Iris Guensburg and David Korth were notified their term expires and they should let the Mayor know their intentions.

Next agenda.

Historic Preservation Month 2005 update, discussion on the list of potential historic resources presented by Tim Heggland, educational briefing on cultural resources element of the Comprehensive Plan.

The next meeting will be May 9, 2005.

Motion by Korth, second by Koran, to adjourn at 4:30PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Curtiss
Planner/Zoning Administrator