

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF MAY 4, 2009 MEETING**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Guensburg at 4:00 PM in Conference Room 108 of City Hall Plaza.

**PRESENT:** Iris Guensburg, Gary Gray, Carl Scott, Alderman Dave LaFontaine, Ken Wood, Scott Noble

**ABSENT:** David Korth

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bonnie Curtiss, Planner/Zoning Administrator; Jason Angell, Director of Planning and Economic Development; Denise Sonneman, Main Street Executive Director

**Minutes of March 2, 2009 Meeting.**

**HP09-14** Motion by Scott, second by Gray to approve the minutes of the 3/2/2009 meeting.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried.**

Nominations were held for Historic Preservation Committee Chairperson.

Alderman LaFontaine nominated Iris Guensburg.

**HP09-15** Motion by Noble, second by Scott to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Iris Guensburg for Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Committee.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried**

Nominations were held for Historic Preservation Committee Vice-Chairperson.

Gray nominated Carl Scott.

**HP09-16** Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Wood to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Carl Scott for Vice-Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Committee.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried**

**Citizen Comments.**

None.

**Columbia Park Bandshell Restoration Project.**

Committee reviewed/discussed the plans for the project. Curtiss forwarded the plans to the Wisconsin Historical Society/State Historic Preservation Officer for review and determination regarding effect on the historic structure. Carl Scott noted the value of the resource to the community and that the plans to maintenance and restore the buildings are in keeping with historic guidelines.

**HP09-17** Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Wood to approve the plans for the proposed restoration to the Columbia Park Bandshell, contingent upon notice to the WHS and a determination of “no adverse effect” to the historic structure.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried**

### **Downtown Façade Improvement Program.**

Jason Angell provided an overview of the grant program and answered general questions regarding the program review process, qualified projects and general guidelines.

### **Review of Stewardship Award Nominations.**

The Committee reviewed Stewardship Nominations and before and after photos of the following properties: 305 S. Maple Avenue, 200 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 309 S. Cedar Avenue. All three properties are owned by John and Heather Peters. The Historic Preservation Month Planning Committee nominated the Peters and their properties because the improvements they made to each of the homes exemplifies the spirit and motivation necessary to preserve the character of Marshfield's residential districts for future generations

**HP09-18** Motion by Scott, second by Noble to approve Stewardship Awards for 200 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 305 S. Maple Avenue and 309 S. Cedar Avenue.

**All 'Ayes' Motion Carried**

### **Review/Discuss "Newspaper History in Marshfield" and the *Marshfield News-Herald* Building.**

Carl Scott provided some background on the era and architectural style of the building and its association with the newspaper history. Scott suggested that this building and others built in the mid-50s were part of the contemporary era and should be evaluated for historical significance. These buildings are coming into the 50-year and older category and may be next generation of historic resources. Committee reviewed excerpts on Marshfield's newspaper history from *The Marshfield Story: Volume 2* and the 1991 Intensive Survey of the Downtown. Gary Gray asked what the options are for the Committee. Carl Scott suggested continuing to evaluate the historical significance and educating the owner and the community. Carl Scott volunteered to write an article for the News-Herald and let the Committee review a draft before he sends it out.

### **Review/Discuss *Marshfield Senior High School* (aka *Marshfield Middle School*).**

Committee discussed strategies for approaching the School Board to bring awareness to the historic structure and technical assistance and resources available on maintenance and restoration. Committee discussed drafting a letter, inviting School Board to a future meeting, or getting on the docket of a future School Board meeting.

### **Update – Walking Tour Brochures Project.**

Curtiss reminded the Committee of the grant timeframe. Iris updated the Committee on subcommittee work. Ken Wood mentioned on a self-guided walking tour he'd gone on while in Belfast, Maine. He passed around photo examples of panels displayed on the buildings. The panels included text and photos and were used to guide the tour instead of a brochure. He left information with Curtiss in case the Committee wanted to consider this in the future.

### **Update - Historic District Marker Signs**

Denise Sonneman announced that Main Street Board approved funding of up to \$6,000 for the Central Avenue Historic District sign(s). Curtiss provided a current cost estimate for the Roddis Plaque. Material costs for the stainless steel stand was quoted at \$361; the granite plaque \$175. Estimated cost to install the stand is \$200 - \$225. Curtiss reminded the Committee of the last estimate for the 18" x 24" cast aluminum roadside marker signs was \$1,000 each. This quote was from Sewah Studios. One sign for each residential district would total \$4,000 in estimated material costs. Garage Department estimated \$200-\$225 to install each sign.

**HP09-19** Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Noble to move forward and expend funds for the four (4) Residential District Signs and the Roddis Plaque.

**All 'Ayes' Motion Carried**

The Committee agreed that Main Street should decide design, location and expend funds for the Central Avenue Historic District Sign(s).

**Old Business.**

Gary Gray noted the 2010 Budget timeline and suggested the 2010 Budget be on the next agenda.

**New Business.**

Motion by Scott, second by Wood to adjourn meeting @ 5:30 PM.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Curtiss  
Planner/Zoning Administrator