

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF NOVEMBER 2, 2009 MEETING**

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

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jason Angell, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator

**Minutes of September 9, 2009 Meeting.**

**HP09-36** Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Wood to approve the minutes of the 9/9/2009 meeting with a correction to the spelling of LaFontaine in motion HP09-33.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried.**

**Citizen Comments.**

None.

Item 6, Walking Tour Brochures Project and Historic District Signs was moved up in the agenda.

**Walking Tour Brochures Project and Historic District Signs**

Angell gave an update on the walking tour brochures stating that four of them have been printed and are available to the public at the Marshfield Public Library, Chestnut Center, Main Street Marshfield, Inc., all floors at City Hall, and on the City’s website. All the members on the Common Council also received a set of the brochures and have provided positive feedback. The fifth brochure (West 5<sup>th</sup> Street Historic District) is basically ready to go, but will have to wait until January for next year’s budget.

Angell stated that all the historic signs are in place except the one for the Upham Mansion Historic District sign at the Chestnut Center which will be going up this week. The historic district sign on South Central near Crabby Dave’s was also relocated north near the movie theater. The signs are paid for.

Wood commented that the library would like additional copies. He also received some feedback about the brochures noting how that next time the covers should be different for each district. The sizes were also a concern and thought next time they could be made smaller, or it could be made into a booklet. Angell stated we looked into the booklets this past time, but they were too expensive, but it’s something we can revisit for the next time we do the brochures.

Guensburg asked if we had historic plaques for the Wallace House, Local 2442, Columbia Band Shell, and Weinbrenner Shoe Factory. Angell stated we do have the sign for the Wallace House, it just needs to be put up. We don’t have the budget to do all of the three remaining signs next year, but we could do one and look at other options to pay for the others.

Scott commented that we may want to invite members from the Local 2442 to give us an update. Angell said we should talk to Ed Englehart about that.

### **Columbia Park Band Shell**

Scott gave an update on the progress of the Columbia Park Band Shell restoration project. The project went over budget because of some of the issues they discovered while renovating. The renovation is about 90% complete and should be finished sometime in the spring of 2010. The roof has been patched, but will likely need a new roof in 5-7 years. Restrooms will be cleaned, painted, have new lighting installed. Scott commented that he would like for the Historic Preservation Committee to arrange something to celebrate there once the project is complete. Dedication is set for July of 2010.

### **Planning Workshop for November 7, 2009**

Scott briefly went over what we will discuss at the November 7<sup>th</sup> workshop at the Marshfield Public Library. The design committee from Main Street was also invited. Miller passed out agendas and handouts for the meeting. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. in the General Meeting Room of the Marshfield Public Library.

### **Local Identification and Registry of Probably Historic Buildings**

Scott asked the question of how active the City or Historic Preservation Committee has been in identifying local buildings for historic designations. The first step in preventing historic buildings from being torn down is to designate the buildings as historic. Scott wanted to know if there is a list of locally designated buildings.

Gray liked the idea of coming up with a list for local designations. He indicated that the Historic Preservation Committee should be more proactive. There was a study done a few years ago on the historic districts and buildings in Marshfield. Korth and Gray directed Miller to look into it and bring copies of what he finds to the workshop on Saturday. Wood also asked if there was a list and if so he would like to know which buildings have been looked at.

Alderman LaFontaine asked about designating the All-Vac building once the façade has been improved. He also asked what teeth a district designation had compared to a building designation. Wood stated that a district designation really doesn't preserve individual buildings.

### **Historic Points of Interest in the 2010 Official Marshfield Visitor Guide**

Miller reported that the Convention and Visitor's Bureau asked him to review the Historic Points of Interest section in the 2009 Official Marshfield Visitor Guide for any changes to be added to the 2010 version. Miller asked if the Committee had any recommendations. After some discussion, the following changes were recommendations for the 2010 Guide:

- Add introduction paragraph about the historic walking tour brochures and where to pick them up.
- Check to see what the official name for the Upham Mansion Historic District is and make sure it is consistent.
- Add District to the Pleasant Hill Historic title.
- Make sure the numbers in the map match the points of interest numbers in the narrative.
- Update the Columbia Park Band Shell section to include the new renovation.
- Change Marshfield Senior High to Marshfield Middle School on the title and refer to it as formerly called Marshfield Senior High in parenthesis.
- Put in a new picture of the Local 2442.

**HP09-37** Motion by Gray, second by Noble to have Miller recommend the above discussed changes to the Convention and Visitor Bureau for their 2010 Guide.  
**All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.**

**Old Business.**

Wood reported that the News Herald would be willing to print one article per month of about 400 words for the Committee. Wood asked if the Historic Preservation Committee would be interested in him bringing in a potential article for the newspaper. Gray stated he did not feel it would be necessary for the Committee to review each article before it's published. The consensus was that Wood should write the articles. Wood was interested in writing all the articles and offered to bring in the first article for review, but no one felt it was necessary. The Committee felt he could write the articles and still submit them on behalf of the Historic Preservation Committee.

**HP09-38** Motion by Korth, second by Gray to have Wood write the articles for the Marshfield News Herald on behalf of the Historic Preservation Committee.

**All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.**

**New Business.**

None.

Motion by Scott, second by Korth to adjourn meeting @ 5:01 PM.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Josh Miller  
Planner/Zoning Administrator