

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 7, 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, David Korth, Gary Gray

ABSENT: Scott Noble

ALSO

PRESENT: Denise Sonnemann, Executive Director of Main Street Marshfield; Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator

Minutes of November 2, 2009 Meeting.

HP09-39 Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Gray to approve the minutes of the 11/2/2009 meeting.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments.

None.

Committee approval of HPC plan update from 11/7 workshop.

Gray felt that it was important to implement some of the ideas that were discussed at the workshop. Scott also stated that this document should be dynamic and that there is additional work to be done. Korth commented that there are a lot of good ideas in the plan, but we won't be able to deal with all of them at once. We need to move forward and look for additional funding to be able to implement some of the goals.

HP09-40 Motion by Scott, second by Gray to approve the Historic Preservation Committee plan goals 4 and 5 from the November 7, 2009 workshop.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried.

Gray asked Miller to bring the 2010 budget for the Historic Preservation Committee to the January meeting. Miller was also asked to combine the notes from the November workshop with the previously discussed goals to update the Historic Preservation Committee plan.

Columbia Park Band Shell recommendation for National Historic Registry and plaque.

Scott asked if the band shell is listed on the historic registry. No one was certain so Miller was asked to look to see if the Columbia Park Band Shell is listed on the historic registry.

Alderman LaFontaine asked if they will eventually make the bathrooms at the Columbia Park Band Shell accessible. Scott stated that is the plan in the future.

HP09-41 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Scott to request that the Parks and Recreation Department put accessible bathrooms and a new roof for the Columbia Park Band Shell in their budget.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried.

It was discussed that the Columbia Park Band Shell should be recognized as a designated historical structure and that there should be a plaque in place by this summer when the facility is rededicated. The budget will be reviewed in January to determine if there are funds to pay for a plaque.

Guensburg also mentioned that the owners of the All-Vac building (Ignatowski) should be invited to the January meeting to see if they have an interest in pursuing a historical designation for their building. Miller was asked to invite them.

Discussion of rotating HPC committee chair.

Scott presented the idea of rotating the committee chair in six month terms. Korth stated he was fine with that, but felt that neither he nor Alderman LaFontaine should be part of the rotation because they sit on the Plan Commission and Common Council. Gray was also not in favor of being chair. Miller was directed to review the City policy to see if it's even possible to rotate the committee chair.

Gray felt that procedurally, it would be possible to do until April when the new terms for the Committee begin. Korth said that other organizations rotate their persons by having all the positions named and gave an example of one group that he was familiar with had a second vice-president, vice-president, president, and past-president. This way everyone rotates and gets a feel for the different positions in the Committee. Korth liked the idea of rotating the chairperson and said we need to find out from the City if the Historic Preservation Committee can do it.

Discussion of January 2010 date for historic restoration workshop with Main Street Marshfield.

Scott said we should begin talking with Main Street Marshfield to set up a workshop to work with home owners and property owners on how they can improve their buildings historically. Scott felt this was an opportunity to demonstrate the Historic Preservation Committee's ability as a resource. Scott also asked how we would notify the public of the meeting, who would we get to present, and should we invite someone from the historical society to speak? Scott thought a newspaper article would be a good idea to let people know about the workshop. He also had a person in mind that could be a presenter.

Sonnemann stated that the earliest Main Street Marshfield would be able to get this workshop going would be February. Scott asked Sonnemann to talk to Main Street Marshfield and come back with a date that would work for them at the January meeting. The meeting would likely include a guest speaker and tie in to the façade program presentation.

LaFontaine also mentioned we should see if we can incorporate sustainability in the presentation such as tax credits for energy efficient renovation.

Old Business.

None.

New Business.

None.

Adjourn.

Motion by Korth, second by Scott to adjourn meeting @ 4:46 PM.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Miller
Planner/Zoning Administrator