

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF MARCH 1, 2010 MEETING**

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

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Shirley Mook and Ruth Voss, Historic Preservation Association; Ed Erickson, Deputy Fire Chief; Jason Angell, Planning and Economic Development Director; Denise Sonnemann, Executive Director of Main Street Marshfield; Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator; Jim Rasmussen, former Band Director of the Columbia Park Band Shell

**Minutes of February 1, 2010 Meeting.**

**HP10-08** Motion by Korth, second by Wood to approve the minutes of the 2/1/2010 meeting.

**All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.**

**Citizen Comments.**

None.

**HP10-09** Motion by Gray, second by Wood to move up item number 16. Discussion of the City of Marshfield's proposed Sprinkler Ordinance.

**All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.**

**Discussion of the City of Marshfield's proposed Sprinkler Ordinance**

Deputy Fire Chief Erickson explained that he recently finished revising the draft sprinkler ordinance and will have Fire Chief Schmidt review the ordinance before it is available to the public. He said they received a number of comments and phone calls and he has made some revisions to the ordinance addressing those concerns.

Gray and Scott expressed concerns about the impact the ordinance could have on historic preservation. Erickson said he understood the concerns and how cost can be an issue, but added the Committee may want to consider looking at long term plans to protect the historic buildings because installing sprinklers could save a building that otherwise may have been destroyed by fire. He also stated that the ordinance only comes into effect if you are renovating the building or if the occupancy increases to a more hazardous use.

Sonnemann expressed her concern that Central Avenue was just reconstructed and any new services would likely have to tear up the new street.

Erickson requested that any inquiries or comments about the proposed sprinkler ordinance should be addressed to him.

**HP10-10** Motion by Gray, second by Noble to move up item number 6. Update on the Columbia Park Band Shell historic plaque.  
**All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.**

**Update on the Columbia Park Band Shell historic plaque**

Miller gave a brief background and introduced Jim Rasmussen, the former Columbia Park Band Shell Director. Rasmussen asked what input the Historic Preservation Committee wanted. Miller gave him some examples of plaques that the City has done in the past. Rasmussen said he would work with Bob Johaneck, the current Band Director, on some language for the historic plaque. Miller will contact him to invite him to the next meeting.

**Update and discussion on the Hartl Manor**

Angell said the inspectors went through the buildings last week and determined that enough damage had occurred to have the building condemned. He said the buildings are in bad shape and a lot of the inside of the building had been vandalized. The process to tear down the building will be underway in the near future.

Scott asked what responsibility the Historic Preservation Committee would have to document the building on paper. It was discussed to bring in a history archaeologist to take measurements and photographs. This may be an expensive and time consuming process, but Miller will call the State Historical Society and find out more about it. Wood will also contact a lady that used to live there to see if she has any photographs of the buildings.

**Purchase of Temporary Historic Preservation Month Signs for Historic Homes**

Miller said that the printer, Kraus Printing, still has some signs from last year that they would like to sell. They have approximately 25-30 black neighborhood signs and 10 building signs in stock. Miller will talk to Alternative School to see if they can put up the signs even if we don't have confirmation from all the property owners to put up the signs. If they are unable to do it, members from the Historic Preservation Committee will likely have to volunteer to put up the signs.

**HP10-11** Motion by LaFontaine, second by Scott for staff to purchase the left over in stock signs from the printer not to exceed \$206.00.  
**All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.**

**Update on the Roddis House Plaque**

Miller gave a brief update on the Roddis House Plaque. Miller received an estimate of \$300 from Stratford Sign Company to install the base. He also contacted Jerry Littmann at the Alternative School about having students volunteer to put up the base for the plaque. Littmann said that if the installation could take place once the school year starts again in the fall, they would be able to help. Miller said that there will be some construction work and that the base couldn't be installed until sometime after July. The Committee decided that waiting another month to have the plaque installed by volunteers would be fine.

**HP10-12** Motion by Gray, second by Wood to move up item number 9. Review of the Historic Preservation Workshop held on February 20, 2010.  
**All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.**

**Review of Historic Preservation Workshop for February 20, 2010.**

LaFontaine stated that the Historic Preservation Committee commends Carl Scott for putting together an excellent program.

Scott stated that there were up to 20 participants and 9 presenters at the workshop. Overall, the event was considered a success and a good first effort for this type of workshop. He said one suggestion for future topics include going over how to apply for a historic structure for tax credits.

The following items were tabled and will be on next month's agenda: 8. Review of photos for West 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Street Historic District Brochure; 10. Discuss the Historic Preservation webpage on the City's website; 11. Review and update of Historic Preservation Plan; and, 12. Discuss Central Business District portion of the Sign Code.

**Old Business.**

Scott asked that we follow up on the plans for the Locomotive in either the April or May meeting. Shirley Mook suggested that we get the volunteers that are working on the project to come in and give an update. Mook will contact Ed Englehart and Keith Meacham about the project.

**New Business.**

Gray suggested that next month we should talk about activities for the rest of the year and discuss the budget for next year.

**Adjourn.**

Motion by Wood, second by Scott to adjourn meeting @ 5:25 PM.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Miller  
Planner/Zoning Administrator