

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF JUNE 6, 2011 MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Wood at 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room 108 of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Ken Wood, Chairperson; Alderman Dave LaFontaine; Ken Bargender; and David Korth.

ABSENT: Carl Scott, Vice Chairperson; Gary Gray

ALSO

PRESENT: Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director; Denise Sonnemann, Executive Director of Main Street Marshfield; Kyle Kearns, Planning Intern; Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator.

Approval of the Minutes of May 2, 2011 Meeting.

HP11-28 Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Korth to approve the minutes of the 5/2/2011 meeting.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments.

Ken Wood shared the brochures he picked up from other communities.

Discussion of the 2442 Steam Locomotive Condition.

Miller gave a brief overview of the maintenance work that was done this past year on the 2442 Steam Locomotive and some of the areas that still need restoration work. Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director, provided additional information about what has historically been done to the locomotive as far as improvements and repairs. Shirley Mook and Keith Meachem have been working on it. Bargender will contact Keith and Ken will contact Shirley to see if they are still involved and to what extent and report back next month.

Discussion to Nominate the 2442 Steam Locomotive on the Local Register.

The Committee directed Miller to get information on what plaques are currently there. Right now the locomotive is only on the National Historic Register. Miller stated that he would compare the requirements for rehabilitation for the National Historic Register and the Local Municipal Register and bring back that information to the next meeting.

Discussion to Purchase Plaques for Properties on the Local Register.

Currently, there does not appear to be a plaque on the exterior of the Edward Jones building (554 S Central Ave). Members of the Committee thought that there was a ceremony and plaque dedication a few years back. Miller will check with the property owner to see if they did receive a local register plaque or if they didn't will check if they want one.

Update of Civil War Gravesite Cleaning.

The plaque has been cleaned about as well as it can be. Korth spoke with Brian Hopperdietzel from Marshfield Monument about additional treatment of the gravestone. Korth stated that only light cleaning should be done from here on out and that any chemical treatment or sealant should not be used. Members of the Committee commended Korth for his dedication and hard work cleaning the stone on behalf of the Committee.

Discussion of Local buildings that could be on Historic Registers.

Miller explained that there are about 40 buildings listed in the packet that Committee identified for possible historic designation. Alderman LaFontaine suggested we prioritize them and focus on the top ten priorities. The Committee suggested adding the Drach Chiropractic building and the Boucher Radio building on W 3rd St to the list. Bargender suggested we make sure the buildings look historic.

Staff will put together a spreadsheet of the buildings with original and existing names, addresses, and year built and will bring that information back to the Committee.

Discussion of 2011 & 2012 Budgets.

Miller gave an update on the 2011 Budget and asked for ideas for 2012 projects. Alderman LaFontaine said that some areas of the 2012 Budget may be getting cut 10-12%. This will likely impact how much the Historic Preservation Committee budget is for 2012.

Miller stated that the new walking tour brochures were printed and have been distributed, but the City has not been invoiced for them so the money spent to date does not include that amount which is a little over \$3,600. Miller said that the brochures have been placed at MACCI, City Hall, Library, and Main Street Marshfield. The Committee suggested placing them in hotels if possible. Miller will check into that idea.

Discussion to Purchase Additional Yard Sign and Posts for Historic Month.

Miller stated that a number of yard signs and posts were damaged this year due to the weather in May. The Committee suggested purchasing more signs and posts and to make sure we purchase enough extra signs in case additional signs are damaged next year.

Miller said that there is not a good place for signs in buildings of the Central Avenue Historic District. The Committee suggested looking into window clings or other signs for those businesses. Denise Sonnemann will check into that.

HP11-29 Motion by Korth, second by Alderman LaFontaine to approve the purchase of additional historic district signs and posts.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.

Wood said on a recent trip, he saw in a downtown historic district that plaques were mounted on many of the buildings with detailed histories of buildings. So he put together a four page history on the Antique Railroad Mall building and said he would talk to the owners about displaying it in their window. Eventually it would be nice to put something like that together for other buildings downtown and display it during Historic Preservation Month, or consider bronze plaques for a permanent display.

Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.

The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting will take place on Monday, July 11, 2011. The agenda should include approval of the June 6, 2011 meeting minutes, 2012 Budget items, update on buildings that could be on historic registers in the future, update on 2442 Steam Locomotive, update on the Edward Jones plaque, and restrictions of the Local Municipal Register versus the National Historic Register.

Adjourn.

Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Korth to adjourn meeting at 4:57 P.M.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Miller
Planner/Zoning Administrator