

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF APRIL 2, 2012 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; Carl Scott, Vice Chairperson; Alderman Dave LaFontaine; Bill Penker; Ken Bargender; and, Keith Meacham.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO

PRESENT: Denise Sonnemann, Executive Director of Main Street Marshfield; Angela McGauley-Jacobson, Planning Intern; Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator; Vickie Schnitzler; Patti Meis; Shirley Mook; Alderman Ed Wagner; and, Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director.

Approval of the Minutes of March 5, 2012 Meeting.

HP12-06 Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Penker to approve the minutes of the 3/5/2012 meeting.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments.

Pattie Meis stated that there are still concerns with residents on Park Street regarding what happens when you bring a ten foot trail to a stop. She has concerns about safety issues going across Park Street. It’s a beautiful part of the City and some residents don’t feel much time has been spent for public consideration of the route through Park Street.

Update on the McMillan-Wildwood Trail from Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director.

Ed Englehart presented the updated trail route through Park Street. The original concept included a ten foot trail along the south side of Park Street which would have removed a significant number of trees. The new route only extends sidewalk along the south side of Park Street which may require the removal of one tree. The bike route will incorporate the “shared lane” concept which will be painted on the street. There won’t be painted bike lanes.

Penker asked to what degree the character of the neighborhood is being protected. Only new sidewalk will be added along Park Street and the “shared lane” logo will be painted on the street along with new crosswalks. Penker also asked staff if this proposal meets the intent of the Historic Preservation ordinance. Staff said that this new alternative is more aligned with the ordinance than the original proposal. Wood stated that he doesn’t feel the proposal adds or subtracts to what is currently there.

Discussion of Historical Significance and Needed Repairs of the Expo Building Located on the Marshfield Fair Grounds.

The Expo Building is owned by the City of Marshfield. The Fair Commission sets policy for the buildings in that part of the Fair Grounds. The Fair Commission has voted in favor of retaining and restoring the building. Scott said that if it was on the Local Municipal Register, the Historic Preservation Committee would have to be notified if it was ever to be torn down.

Members of the Committee suggested that if the Historic Preservation Committee wanted to nominate the Expo Building to be placed on an historic register, they present the idea to the Fair Commission first.

Update on Historic Preservation Month Activities Including QR Code Websites.

Vickie Schnitzler presented an update on the QR Code project and handed out examples of what the webpages would look like. She said about 20 storied are done, and she is working on a bunch more to be ready for May's Historic Preservation Month. She asked if anyone has suggestions to let her know. Mostly, they are using the Assessor information and the Library for their research. Overall the Committee had positive feedback about the webpages.

The Committee also said they did not feel it was necessary to review all the links in that Vickie and those working with her on this project were credible.

Vickie also handed out examples of the certificates they are proposing to use in the windows of the businesses. She asked if the certificate should include an historic photo when available. Members from the Committee felt a photo should be used when available. Bargendar would like to see more information on the certificate about the building itself and should incorporate the website for those that don't have smart phones.

Miller also said he would check to see if the Marshfield logo (Marsh Duck) could be used on the certificates.

Update on 2012 Budget.

Miller stated that there is \$1,200 in the 2012 Budget for plaques. There was also \$800 that was carried forward from the 2011 Budget that can only be spent on a plaque for the 2442.

Approval of Plaque Language for the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442.

HP12-07 Motion by Alderman LaFontain, second by Scott to approve the 21" x 21" Bronze Plaque with the language as presented:

ENGINE 2442
PRESENTED TO
CITY OF MARSHFIELD
BY
WISCONSIN CENTRAL-SOO LINE
RR
1956
IN SERVICE 1911-1954

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.

Penker explained the lettering size was taken from the Stevens Point engine. The lettering is 1 1/8 inch in all caps. An item should be placed on next month's agenda to sort out the informational signage and wording.

Miller will get a quote for a plaque based on the proposed dimensions.

Discussion of National Trust Membership Fees for 2012.

HP12-08 Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Penker to approve spending \$20 for the National Trust Membership for 2012.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.

Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.

The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting will be Monday, May 7, 2012. The agenda should include approval of the March 5, 2012 meeting minutes, determine plaque language for the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442, presentation and update on the McMillan-Wildwood Trail from Ed Englehart, discussion on the Expo Building's historical significance and needed repairs, and progress on the QR Codes along with Historic Preservation Month Activities.

Adjourn.

Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Penker to adjourn meeting at 5:17 P.M.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Miller
Planner/Zoning Administrator