

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF NOVEMBER 4, 2013 MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Wood at 4:00 P.M. in Cafeteria, Marshfield Middle School, 900 E 4th St.

PRESENT: Ken Wood; Alderperson Gary Cummings; Carl Scott, Ken Bargender; Vickie Schnitzler; Bill Penker; and, Keith Meacham.

ABSENT: Bill Penker (excused)

ALSO

PRESENT: Matt McLean, Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau; Ron Sturomski, School District of Marshfield Director of Building and Grounds; Peg Geegan, School District of Marshfield Superintendent; Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator; and, Sam Schroeder, Planning Intern.

Tour of the Marshfield Middle School.

Ron Sturomski took the Committee on a tour of the new updates to the Marshfield Middle School. This included the new atrium and security door area, the former administration offices, the new technology rooms in the basement, and the wrestling/weight room. A number of the windows have been replaced and exterior brick work has been done. Windows still need to be replaced on the south façade of the building. They reviewed old year books to get ideas of what the building looked like to try to keep some of those features when updating the interior of the building. The next step includes expanding the electrical and server cables to all floors to improve the technology of the facility.

The meeting reconvened in the Cafeteria at 4:38 P.M.

Approval of the Minutes of October 7, 2013 Meeting.

HP13-24 Motion by Cummings second by Scott to approve the minutes of the 10/7/2013 meeting.
Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments.

Reminder that the Committee will be at the Great Things are Happening in Marshfield event. The Committee was supportive of purchasing an "Images of America Marshfield" book for the door prize.

Ken Wood will be on an upcoming program with Cable TV to discuss different aspects of the area's history. It will be once per month. He will be teaching one of Dr. Addi Adam's classes on the first Thursday in December on the development of Marshfield if anyone has any suggestions. He will get the date and time and let the Committee know.

Review of the 2013 Historic Preservation Conference from Attendees.

Miller talked about attending the session for the Jeffris Family Foundation.

Scott said they had innovative speakers and the session he attended involved the attendees being actively involved in an archaeological dig.

Wood went to a session regarding funding saying that everyone is in the same boat that funding is limited.

Update regarding the 2014 TAP Grant.

Miller gave an update on the TAP grant stating that due to project minimums, staff won't be applying for the grant this year. The minimum for planning project is \$50,000 and the minimum for infrastructure projects is \$300,000. The proposed project for the restoration and the Safe Routes to School was only \$35,000.

Discussion on having a State Historical Marker for the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442.

Miller said that anyone could apply, but there are standards for places having historical significance to Wisconsin, not just the local area. An application must be submitted to the Wisconsin Historical Society. If approved, the costs for such markers range from \$560 - \$4,440 depending on the size of the plaque and lettering.

Discussion of the Development on the Plan for the Soo Line Steam Locomotive No. 2442 Site.

Miller explained that a plan would be needed to develop the site. One of the items discussed was to include bricks recovered from downtown street projects. Miller included photos of the bricks with the packet so the Committee could see how many bricks there were. Cummings said the Veterans group is looking at having bricks around the Veteran's Mural. He said that with 4 people working 2 hours they were able to get 400 bricks. A lot of the bricks only have one good side to them. You would need someone with equipment to spread them out to search through them. So far they have 6,019 bricks for this project. We would need a group that would have the time to do it.

Bargender said we could make this a larger courtyard area surrounded by a wrought iron fence and maybe a small scale depot and this could be part of the overall scope of the plan. This is something the Committee could discuss at the annual planning meeting.

Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.

The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2013. The agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting should include approval of the November 4, 2013 meeting minutes and what can the Committee do to help the Marshfield Historical Society.

Adjourn.

Motion by Cummings, second by Scott to adjourn meeting at 5:11 P.M.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Miller
Planner/Zoning Administrator