

April 26, 2017 (Historic Preservation Committee)

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017
6:00PM ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Ropp called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Ropp, Faller, Mooney, Metzler, Genrich
Excused: Fredericks
Also Present: B. Lange, C. Berndt, T. Fuller

MODIFY/ADOPT AGENDA

Mooney / Metzler moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 22, 2017

Genrich / Mooney moved to approve minutes dated March 22, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Metzler was thanked for his years of service on the Historic Preservation Committee.
- State Representative David Steffens has introduced legislation that would relocate Green Bay Correctional Institution out of the village. Staff will be meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office to understand what this would mean for the historic structures on this property. Staff will continue to keep the committee updated.
- History Treasure Tour, May 17th from 4:00-8:00p.m., sponsored by the historical societies and museums in Brown County, provides free admission and tours of select historic properties and museums in Brown County.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Jim O'Rourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- Presented a map, depicting the historic settlement of "Shantytown" and explained how the Village of Allouez and the Cities of Green Bay and De Pere later developed out of this original community. More explanation will be provided at the Historic Allouez Society stop on the History Treasure Tour on May 17th at the Riviera Bar and Grill (2150 Riverside Drive).

DISCUSSION: LOCAL DESIGNATIONS AND LOCAL DESIGNATION CRITERIA

The committee had inquired about the effects of locally designating the “Murphy-Cowles Estate Fence” at the last meeting. Staff provided the criteria used for locally designating a structure or district for reference by the committee. The criteria can be found in the Historic Preservation Section of the Village Ordinances (Section 248).

Craig Berndt, Director of Public Works, provided explanation of the following for the committee to better understand the efforts and activities made by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) regarding the “Murphy-Cowles Estate Fence” as part of the STH 57 (Riverside Drive) reconstruction process.

- Road project scope.
- Existing condition of the fence.
- Review of the structure (fence) by the State Historic Preservation Office.
- WisDOT dialogue and written agreement with the property owners – replicated structure moved two feet to the east, with two Cottonwood trees removed.

The committee suspended the rules at 6:33p.m. for public comment.

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- He was very active in the early stages of protecting the fence – wanted the fence locally designated and requested a Section 106 Study be done.
- The fence represents part of the greater Murphy-Cowles Estate.
- The decision should be left up to the wishes of the neighbors.

The committee picked back up the rules at 6:39p.m. and closed public comment.

Discussion included:

- Whether or not it made sense to locally designate the structure after the fence is reconstructed.
- Everyone (residents, village, and WisDOT) is satisfied and seems to be a win-win solution.
- If a plaque could be added to the replicated fence describing the historic site.

DISCUSSION: HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH AND ACTIVITIES

Staff said that the Historic Preservation Proclamation, which was included in the agenda packet, had been part of the village efforts in recognizing May as Historic Preservation Month in the past and is planned to be given to the Village Board again.

The committee discussed the History Treasure Tour event and concluded that it is a good way to celebrate the history in the area.

UPDATE ON ALLOUEZ WATER WORKS BUILDING LOCATED AT 535 GREENE AVENUE

Staff said that the village still has the property listed for sale. There has been a few submitted offers, but the village is required to place a restrictive covenant on the property prior to a sale, which would protect the historic integrity of the property in perpetuity. This covenant is a requirement by state statutes for the sale of publicly owned buildings on the State and National Registries and is different than a sale between two private parties. A member of the State Historic Preservation Office will be visiting the village in a few weeks, at which point staff hopes to learn exactly what language is required to be in the covenant.

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Erik Bertaud, 810 Lime Kiln Road, said he is interested in the property and has an offer on file with the village.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

In lieu of a meeting in May, committee members were encouraged to attend one of the many stops around Brown County that will be part of the “History Treasures Tour” on May 17th and report back at the meeting in June.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 6:00p.m.

Agenda Items: Discussion of “History Treasures Tour” event, discussion of plaque for Murphy-Cowles fence, update on the Green Bay Correctional Institution and Water Works Building located at 535 Greene Avenue

ADJOURNMENT

Genrich / Mooney moved to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Trevor Fuller, Planning and Zoning Administrator.