

October 25, 2017 (Historic Preservation Committee)

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017
6:00PM ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Faller called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Faller, Ropp, Genrich, Mooney (arrived at 6:02p.m.), Juno
Excused: Fredericks
Also Present: T. Fuller

MODIFY/ADOPT AGENDA

Genrich / Ropp moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. (Mooney not present for vote)

APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

(Mooney arrived at 6:02p.m.)

Genrich / Juno moved to approve minutes dated September 27, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Jim O'Rourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- Believes historic preservation districts should be voluntary, just like Astor Park.
- Could not find where the state requires a Historic Conservation Easement for Pump House. The property (Pump House at 535 Greene Avenue) should be designated a local historic landmark instead.
- The committee should review the Certificate of Appropriateness.

DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL HISTORIC TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Staff information included:

- The Village Board passed a resolution on October 17, 2017 regarding preserving the Federal Historic Tax Credits (HTC).
- The resolution did not come before the committee prior to Village Board approval because it was time sensitive.
- A background on the reason for the resolution, as well as a history of the HTC.

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- The fate of the HTC will be part of a tax reform bill that will be voted on by the U.S. House of Representatives.
- HTC do not necessarily have a big impact in the village, but do have a more direct impact in the greater Green Bay area.
- The proposed Federal changes do not apply to single family residential homes.
- Eliminating Federal HTC would have a large impact, especially since the state HTC were recently scaled back.

ACTION RE: APPROVAL OF MIRAMAR DRIVE RESIDENTIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATION

Staff said the letter provided is simply a formality, showing support by the village of the Miramar Drive Historic District.

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- Miramar Drive is a great district.
- Reason should be provided why the properties are non-contributing.
- More information should be added to the "Early History" section of the nomination

Genrich / Ropp moved to approve the letter in support of the Miramar Drive Residential Historic District. Motion carried.

ACTION RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 248 OF THE VILLAGE ORDINANCES, HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Staff said that the exact interpretation of the Historic Preservation ordinance was unclear. The current interpretation is that properties listed on the National and State Registers automatically become locally designated historic landmarks and therefore, have to follow the rules of the ordinance. This interpretation does not appear to be consistent with current policy. The changes suggested reflect current policy and do not conflict with the requirements for maintaining a Certified Local Government status.

Discussion included:

- Additional language added to the first section of the ordinance to further clarify the purpose of the ordinance.
- The Certificate of Appropriateness.
- Requirements and benefits of the Certified Local Government status.

Jim O'Rourke 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- The purpose behind adding the language being discussed is to add "teeth" to the ordinance.
- Thinks it is important to keep the CLG (Certified Local Government) status.
- The village should be a voluntary community.
- The village should locally designate municipal buildings and the Murphy-Cowles Estate fence.

Juno / Mooney moved to approve amending the ordinance to reflect the changes discussed and the highlighted suggestions by staff. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON ALLOUEZ WATER WORKS BUILDING LOCATED AT 535 GREENE AVENUE

There is an accepted offer to purchase on the property located at 535 Greene Avenue. Staff reminded the committee that the delay for the sale of the property was because of the requirement (State Statute 66.1111) to

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place a restrictive historic covenant on the property. The property owner plans on using the building for a live-work recording studio.

UPDATE ON GREEN BAY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

Representatives from the village went to Madison to testify at the Senate Committee Public Hearing in favor of relocating Green Bay Correctional Institution (GBCI) from the Village of Allouez. Those who spoke against the bill seemed to do so because they are against over incarceration, and not necessarily because they are against relocating the facility.

Staff mentioned some historical context of the facility, including that the blue granite on the front façade was taken from a quarry in the Village of Howard.

The committee discussed some of the safety issues of the current facility.

Jim O'Rourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- The site was originally planned for as a bicycle factory.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00p.m.

Agenda Items: Action re: street signs for Miramar Drive, update on Certified Local Government grant, update on the Pump House, update on the status of the Miramar Drive Residential Historic District, discussion of the Certificate of Appropriateness

ADJOURNMENT

Genrich / Juno moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Trevor Fuller, Planning and Zoning Administrator.