

Memo

To: Historic Preservation Committee

Fr: Trevor Fuller, Director of Planning and Community Development

Re: ACTION RE: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 5 AND CHAPTER 248 OF THE VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ CODE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Date: 17 February 2023

Action pending results of previous agenda item.

Staff participated in the four year interview and audit by the Wisconsin Historical Society for Certified Local Governments. During the meeting, it was discussed that the appointed body in charge of the Historic Preservation Chapter of the Village Ordinances should technically be called a “commission” instead of a “committee.” The reason for the change is that a commission typically has approval authority and a committee does not. The Historic Preservation Committee for the Village of Allouez has approval authority in the Historic Preservation Chapter, with appeals going before the Village Board of Trustees.

Staff made the recommendation to also consider replacing the word “Preservation” with “Landmarks” in the name as a part of the overall change. Staff requested the changes to Chapter 5 and Chapter 248 of the Village Ordinances, noting the name change, at the January 25, 2023 meeting. No other changes outside of the name were requested at this time to the chapters. Throughout the country, similar bodies are known as “Landmarks Commission” or “Preservation Commission.” The suggestion for the change to Landmarks was twofold: the term seemed to have a more broad meaning and scope than preservation and it appeared that more neighboring communities used the term Landmarks than Preservation.

The Historic Preservation Committee is asked whether or not to recommend approval of the name change. The motion could include all or part of the recommended changes.