

February 24, 2016 (Historic Preservation Committee)

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016
6:00PM ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Ropp called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: H. Ropp, W. Kornowske, C. Faller, B. Fredericks
Excused: S. Metzler, J. Horn
Also Present: B. Lange, T. Fuller

Ropp announced the resignation of member, Josh Pascoe and the addition of new member, John Horn.

MODIFY/ADOPT AGENDA

Fredericks / Kornowske moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2015

The committee commented that the "Greiling House" should be removed from the list of properties to pursue local designation because the committee is already pursuing the property for the National Register. The minutes, however, should remain the same.

Kornowske / Fredericks moved to approve minutes dated December 9, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fredericks announced that the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions annual conference will be April 22nd and 23rd at Heritage Hill. Fredericks will be attending and will provide an update to the committee.
- The Wisconsin Historical Society awarded the village grant money to hire a consultant to complete the nominations of the Miramar Historic Residential District and two other individually eligible homes to the National Register. The grant money is part of the Certified Local Government program.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Jim O'Rourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- Presented the committee and staff with copies of plat maps from 1955-1960, showing historic subdivisions and locations.

DISCUSSION ON ASSEMBLY BILL 568 AND SENATE BILL 445

Staff said that both houses of the state legislature have approved their respective bills. The bills are waiting the Governor's signature to become law. The original bills discussed in December removed the authority from the municipality to locally designate a structure without the property owner's consent.

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Subsequent amendments to the bills restore the authority to the municipalities, but only after the property owners are notified and no individual objections are received for individual designations or unless properties in favor total greater than 2/3 of a district for district designations. Staff said our ordinance will have to be updated to reflect the new legislation.

The committee noted that the "Guard House" in Heritage Hill State Park is our only locally designated structure. Heritage Hill came forward and requested the designation. The practice of the committee has been to locally designate a structure or a district only after receiving approval of the property owner, even though the committee has had the authority to designate a structure or district regardless of consent.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ON HOW TO PURSUE LOCAL DESIGNATIONS

The committee noted that AB568 and SB445 give the committee direction towards a first step – seek out the interest of the property owners of having their house locally designated. The next step would be to research the houses of interested property owners.

A property can both be locally designated and on the National Register, but the committee suggested for the homes that are eligible to the National Register, to pursue nominations prior to local designations. Homes which are not currently eligible for the National Register could be considered for local designation.

The committee discussed developing a document to hand out to property owners describing what the process is for local designation and nomination to the National Register. The committee noted that the state has documents with this information that could be linked to the village website.

DISCUSSION ON AND PLANNING OF THE MAY 10TH OPEN HOUSE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE HOMES

Staff mentioned that the committee discussed having another informational meeting, where a representative from the Wisconsin Historical Society would present the benefits of being on the National Register. The meeting would be held during May, as part of Historic Preservation Month.

Staff recommended having the informational meeting at the same time as a dedication ceremony for the Allouez Pump House on Greene Avenue and the Allouez Water Department Building (Community Center), which were both recently added to the State Register and are pending to the National Register. The event would be held inside the Community Center, with an open house prior to the ceremony.

The committee discussed ways to advertise the event and decided to send out a postcard and letter like the event last year. The event will be held Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00p.m. Doors will open at 5:30p.m. for an open house.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016, 6:00 p.m. (rescheduled from March 23, 2016)

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Agenda Items: Discussion of how to select consultants for nomination projects, action re: historic preservation resolution, letter and save the date for dedication ceremony

ADJOURNMENT

Fredericks / Kornowske moved to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Trevor Fuller, Planning and Zoning Administrator.