



# Historic Preservation Commission

335 South Broadway

De Pere, WI 54115

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## Regular Meeting

### Final Minutes

Monday, December 21, 2015

6:00 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Mike Fleck

| Attendee Name  | Title            | Status  | Arrived |
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| Scott Crevier  | Aldersperson     | Present |         |
| Mike Fleck     | Chairperson      | Present |         |
| Gene Hackbarth | Commissioner     | Present |         |
| Brian Netzel   | Vice Chairperson | Excused |         |
| Kate Sabel     | Commissioner     | Excused |         |
| Sue Sands      | Commissioner     | Present |         |
| Adam Turriff   | Commissioner     | Present |         |

Also present: City Planner Sarah Wallace and members of the public.

#### 2. Approval of the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Scott Crevier, Aldersperson               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Adam Turriff, Commissioner                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Crevier, Fleck, Hackbarth, Sands, Turriff |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Brian Netzel, Kate Sabel                  |

#### 3. Discussion of Cost Estimates for Historic Plaques for the State and National Historic Broadway District. To include Request for Carryover to 2016 Budget for Project.\*

Mike Fleck reviewed the price quotes that he obtained for the plaques project, and shared samples of the aluminum and bronze materials. Discussion followed on size and finish options. Mike inquired if the carryover request needs to be submitted now; City Planner Sarah Wallace responded that the Commission has time before the request is due. She inquired whether the Commission wants to survey the residents, and what questions should be asked. Discussion followed. Sarah will obtain mock ups of 5x7 and 10x7 plaques from the vendors.

#### 4. Review proposed Wisconsin Legislation (Assembly Bill AB 568 and Senate Bill SB 445) and discuss passage impact on: 1. De Pere's Certified Local Government sub-grant application 2. Local government's preservation activities will become advisory only

Gene Hackbarth reported that the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (WAHPC) is strongly encouraging CLG communities to contact their state representatives and senators to oppose the passage of these bills. If they were to pass, it would prevent Historic Preservation Commissions from requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) for a property listed as a local landmark. It would also eliminate the opportunity for any CLG community to receive subgrants. Discussion followed to clarify the current process, and the impact of this legislation. Scott Crevier noted that he agrees with portions of the legislation that would require the permission of property owner(s) for a local designation. The Commission discussed drafting a letter from the City and specific talking points to be included. Staff suggested that the Commission recommend to Council that a

letter be drafted and sent. Gene has a letter from WAHPC that could be used as a template. Scott reported that he confirmed with the City Attorney that this legislation would require the City to revise our ordinance.

Scott Crevier motioned, seconded by Gene Hackbarth, to submit a resolution to the City Council stating opposition to section 4, lines 11-14 of Assembly Bill 568 and section 4, lines 11-14 of Senate Bill 445, which would remove the City and HPC's authority once a property is designated as a local landmark. Discussion followed. Scott Crevier motioned, seconded by Adam Turriff, to open the meeting for public comments. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Local realtor Jim O'Rourke expressed his opposition to the proposed law. He also feels that mandatory compliance with the Certificate of Appropriateness is a bad idea. De Pere resident Carla Nicks stated that her understanding is that local landmark sites are required to obtain a CoA, but not a home that is part of a local district. City Planner Sarah Wallace clarified that the current ordinance allows the City to create a local district, which would require CoAs for individual properties.

Mike Fleck motioned, seconded by Gene Hackbarth, to return to regular order. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Adam inquired if the Commission should consider contacting property owners in historic districts to encourage them to speak out on the proposed legislation. Staff will consult with the City Attorney to determine if that would be appropriate.

Upon vote, the motion to forward the resolution to City Council carried unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Scott Crevier, Alderperson                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Gene Hackbarth, Commissioner              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Crevier, Fleck, Hackbarth, Sands, Turriff |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Brian Netzel, Kate Sabel                  |

5. Discuss Federal Bill H. R. 3846

Gene Hackbarth distributed a written summary of the proposed federal legislation, explaining that it calls for increasing federal historic tax credits from 20% to 30% for commercial projects under \$2.5 million. It would also simplify the process of transferring credits to investors, as well as eliminate the federal tax on state historic credit proceeds.

Gene Hackbarth motioned, seconded by Scott Crevier, to request that staff draft a resolution in support of Federal Bill H. R. 3846, to be forwarded to City Council. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Gene Hackbarth, Commissioner              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Scott Crevier, Alderperson                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Crevier, Fleck, Hackbarth, Sands, Turriff |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Brian Netzel, Kate Sabel                  |

6. Future Agenda Items

Gene Hackbarth requested that projects for Historic Preservation Month be added to the January 2016 agenda.

Adjournment

Gene Hackbarth motioned, seconded by Sue Sands, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.  
Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carey Danen