



# Historic Preservation Commission

335 South Broadway

De Pere, WI 54115

<http://www.de-pere.org>

## Regular Meeting

### Final Minutes

Monday, May 19, 2014

6:00 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Committee Member Mary Jane Herber

| Attendee Name    | Title            | Status  | Arrived |
|------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| Scott Crevier    | Alderperson      | Present |         |
| Mike Fleck       | Commissioner     | Present |         |
| Gene Hackbarth   | Commissioner     | Present |         |
| Mary Jane Herber | Committee Member | Present |         |
| Brian Netzel     | Commissioner     | Present |         |
| Adam Turriff     | Commissioner     | Present |         |

Also present: city Planning Director Ken Pabich.

#### 2. Approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mike Fleck, Commissioner                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Gene Hackbarth, Commissioner                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Crevier, Fleck, Hackbarth, Herber, Netzel, Turriff |

3. Update on pending nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.  
The State Historical Society has confirmed that the Krause and Baeten buildings will go before the Department of the Interior by the end of summer. All four of the nominated buildings are already listed on the state register, and as such are eligible for the state income tax credit. Gene Hackbarth reported that 250 properties in De Pere are listed on both the state and national Historic Registers; this figure includes individually listed properties as well as contributing buildings within historic districts. The total does not include the four properties currently going through the nomination process.
4. Razing permits - procedure for notification.  
The Commission reviewed the razing permit application draft created by city staff. Insurance and bond requirements were updated with the new ordinance, and additional conditions were added to cite the new 10 day waiting period. Mike Fleck suggested adding a question to the project information section whether the property is listed on the state/national register. The group requested that section A of the ordinance be added to the application. Ken Pabich will verify the terms of the 10 day waiting period with the city attorney; i.e., whether the permit can be issued early if the Commission determines the structure has no historical significance. Staff will update the draft for next month's meeting.
5. Preserve America signage.  
Ken Pabich reported that the population sign location for Scheuring Road is a county right-of-way, so Scott Thoresen will request permission from them. If a population sign can be placed, then the Commission has approval to add a Preserve America sign as well.
6. Review of City of De Pere website.  
City staff have added the index keywords requested by the Commission to the city website. It was decided to review website content one district at a time to make updates and corrections.

7. 2013/2014 budget review and request for carryover.  
Ken Pabich reported that the Finance Committee approved the Commission's carryover request at its last meeting. Beginning next month, the budget report will display current expenses only.
8. Local landmark status request - De Pere Historical Society.  
Mike Fleck confirmed with the De Pere Historical Society that they will request local landmark status for White Pillars as well. Discussion followed regarding the cost to add local landmark status to the deed once it is completed. Ken Pabich inquired whether the process requires a council and public hearing; Mary Jane Herber reported that a hearing is only required for districts, not individual properties.
9. Historic Preservation Month activities.  
Gene Hackbarth reported on the presentations by Mark Buechel, Senior Architect with the State Historical Society. There were nine attendees at the commercial session, and 30 at the residential session.  
  
The plaque dedication ceremony is scheduled for Thursday May 22nd in the business districts; it will begin on the east side at 6:30 PM at Lampshades Unlimited, and at 7:15 PM on the west side at Nell & Associates. Mayor Walsh will be in attendance.  
  
Gene distributed a handout describing the goals and itinerary of the May 31st tour. City staff and Riverwalk partners will be invited to attend. The event will be advertised on the Definitely De Pere website and newsletter. Gene is looking for one or two boaters to demonstrate the operation of the lock around 2:00; their fee would be waived.  
  
Gene requested information from the State Historical Society on the value of projects and tax credits received since 1997:  
  
Commercial projects were valued at \$2,148,000. Owners received \$107,400 in state tax credits, and \$429,600 in federal credits.  
  
Residential project investments totaled \$990,000, and received \$247,500 in state tax credits. There are currently no federal tax credits available for residential properties.  
  
The total private investment (residential and commercial) was \$3.138 million. State income tax credits totaled \$354,900, and the sum of all state and federal credits was \$784,500.
10. Report on property sales within Historic Districts.  
232 N. Michigan St was purchased by Janet A Oswald.  
  
423 N. Superior St was purchased by Ron Nohre.
11. Future agenda items.  
Gene Hackbarth will report on the Department of the Interior questionnaire for Certified Local Governments.

### Adjournment

Brian Netzel motioned, seconded by Alderperson Crevier, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carey Danen