Historic Preservation Commission

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Regular Meeting

Final Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2015 6:00 PM De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Scott Crevier	Alderperson	Present	
Mike Fleck	Commissioner	Present	
Gene Hackbarth	Commissioner	Present	
Brian Netzel	Commissioner	Present	
Sue Sands	Commissioner	Excused	
Adam Turriff	Commissioner	Present	

Also present: City Planning Director Ken Pabich, Associate Planner Sarah Wallace, and members of the public.

2. Approval of the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Scott Crevier, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Gene Hackbarth, Commissioner
AYES:	Crevier, Fleck, Hackbarth, Netzel, Turriff
EXCUSED:	Sue Sands

3. Request from the Greater Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce for data on historic properties in De Pere.

Gene Hackbarth motioned, seconded by Mike Fleck, to open the meeting for public comments. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.
Jayme Sellen, Director of Government Affairs for the Greater Green Bay Chamber of Commerce, explained that they are requesting an inventory of De Pere's commercial historic buildings, as well as non-historic pre-1936 buildings. The state tax credit program has issued $35 million in credits in one year; as a result of the program's popularity, the state suspended the eligibility of pre-1936 buildings. The Chamber plans to lobby for the restoration of the credits for these buildings, and would like to use the inventory to demonstrate the need for the program to state legislators. Ken Pabich stated that staff can compile a list using the intensive survey and submit it to the Chamber. Discussion followed regarding the benefit of including the non-registered buildings to spur economic development, vs. the popularity of the program necessitating that it be limited to buildings on the historic register. The group also discussed placing the inventory on the City website.
Mike Fleck motioned, seconded by Scott Crevier, to return to regular order. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. National Historic Preservation Month - May 2015.

Commission members Adam Turriff and Gene Hackbarth have been working with Definitely De Pere to create a pictorial scavenger hunt on social media. The contest began today and will run through May 20th. Pictures showing architectural elements around the city will change every 3-4 days. Participants can submit guesses for a

chance to win one of 20 admission tickets to Celebrate De Pere, which were donated by the Celebrate committee.
Gene Hackbarth motioned, seconded by Scott Crevier, to open the meeting for public comments. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.
Abby Trollinger, assistant professor of history at St. Norbert College, and sophomore history major Eric Konop explained that they are working on a project to create a narrative for a historical walking tour of campus. They are applying for a collaborative research grant, and have made contact with the Wisconsin Historical Society to arrange an opportunity to present their findings. Eric will be researching six buildings: Main Hall, Old St. Joseph Church & Priory, Boyle Hall, Birder Hall (formerly St. Boniface Church), and the Pennings Activity Center. He will use archives from the college, the Abbey, and the De Pere Historical Society. The narrative will include information on architects, building uses, and their effect on campus community and culture. Discussion followed on other potential research sources and possible collaboration with the consultant that will be hired for the upcoming intensive survey of campus.
Mike Fleck motioned, seconded by Adam Turriff, to return to regular order. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.
Gene then provided an overview of the historic tax credit workshop scheduled for May 19th. Discussion followed regarding methods of marketing the program.
Gene Hackbarth motioned, seconded by Scott Crevier, to open the meeting for public comments. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.
Alyson Watson from Definitely De Pere reported that Fred Wessel, a local photographer, donated high quality photographs for the scavenger hunt. The event is being promoted in the organization's newsletter, and she will also be doing a press release. Gene thanked Alyson for her help in promoting the project.
Scott Crevier motioned, seconded by Gene Hackbarth, to return to regular order. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

5. Historic Preservation award from the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (WAHPC).

   Gene Hackbarth has submitted a nomination to WAHPC for an advocacy award for the De Pere Historic Preservation Commission's participation in securing grants for the lockkeeper's house feasibility study and project reports. This Commission will receive honorable mention at the upcoming WAHPC conference in La Crosse, which Gene plans to attend.
   Mike Fleck reported that the De Pere Historical Society presents awards each September for the preservation and restoration of local properties. Residential candidates are in short supply, so he encouraged viewers to contact him if they feel their home may be eligible .

6. Request from the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions to host the 2016 WAHPC spring meeting in De Pere.

   Gene Hackbarth reported that the president of WAHPC is looking for a site in Northeast Wisconsin to host next year's spring meeting. The date would be either April 23rd or 30th. It is a one-day event held from approximately 9 am - 3 pm, with attendance usually in the 25-50 range. A representative from the Commission would be needed to work on securing a site and potentially arranging a tour for participants.

There would be no financial commitment required of the City or the Commission. Gene Hackbarth motioned, seconded by Adam Turriff, to explore hosting the conference. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

7. Re-painting of the Front Street mural.

   Mike Fleck reported that he has discussed this potential project with the Mayor, and has identified individuals willing to provide the labor and materials. Mike will ask the donors to arrange a meeting with Ken Pabich to review the specifics of the project. Discussion followed regarding timing, potential street closures required, and the possibility of adding to the current design.

8. Future agenda items.

   None.

Adjournment

Scott Crevier motioned, seconded by Adam Turriff, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Danen