



Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
www.deperewi.gov

Agenda

Monday, April 27, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a meeting of the **Historic Preservation Commission** of the City of De Pere will be held on **April 27, 2026** at **6:00 PM** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL, 335 S. BROADWAY STREET, DE PERE.**

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1 (866) 899-4679 -or- 1 (312) 757-3117
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RECOGNITION
 - A. Discussion about the De Pere Historic Preservation Commission being the winner of the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commission's 'Advocacy Award' for descriptive historic residential neighborhood district signs that were installed in the fall of 2025.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Historic Preservation Commission. §6-3(f) DPMC
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.
 - B. Consideration and possible action for the status of three projects that Historic Preservation Committee members are working on in 2026. Projects include public education program #1, historic property designations, and public education program #2.
6. ADJOURNMENT

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Development Services Department at 920-339-4052 by noon on the previous day so that arrangements can be made.

The Public or Members of the Historic Preservation Commission, which may count toward an official quorum, may attend the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers or telephonically or electronically via video conferencing or other appropriate technological means.

This meeting may also be rebroadcast on TV throughout the week and available on demand at <https://deperewi.portal.civicclerk.com/>.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

3.A

**Request for Historic Preservation Commission
Action**

Meeting Date: April 27, 2026

Department: Development Services

From: Peter Schleinz, City Planner/Zoning Administrator

Subject: Discussion about the De Pere Historic Preservation Commission being the winner of the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commission's 'Advocacy Award' for descriptive historic residential neighborhood district signs that were installed in the fall of 2025.

Recommendation: Receive and place on file.

The award nomination documentation was submitted by city staff in early February 2026. The descriptive historic residential neighborhood district signs were a project that the Historic Preservation Commission completed in 2024-2025. The Advocacy Award was received by members that attended a conference in Sturgeon Bay, WI on April 23-24, 2026.

Attachments:
None



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

5.A

**Request for Historic Preservation Commission
Action**

Meeting Date: April 27, 2026

Department: Development Services

From: Kelly Barker, Administrative Assistant

Subject: Approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Recommendation: Motion to approve.

Attachments:
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Draft Minutes

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City Hall, Council Chambers 335 S. Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Present: Patrick Boyd, Gene Hackbarth, Jonathon Hansen, Mark Reinhart, Jane Schueller, Mary Ann Schumerth

Absent:

Excused:

Also present: City Planner Peter Schleinzi.

2. Approval of the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	Patrick Boyd
SECONDER:	Gene Hackbarth
AYES:	Patrick Boyd, Gene Hackbarth, Jonathon Hansen, Mark Reinhart, Jane Schueller, Mary Ann Schumerth

3. Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Historic Preservation Commission. §6-3(f) DPMC

Gene Hackbarth announced the award he received from the Brown County Historical Society this month. There were no other public comments.

4. Consideration and possible action for proposed projects that Historic Preservation Committee members plan to work on in 2026.

City Planner Peter Schleinzi outlined the four projects that the HPC is expected to work on in 2026. He noted that the HPC members can add any additional HPC authority related items they would like to work on to this list. Gene Hackbarth invited the HPC members to consider nominating someone for the WAPAC awards in April. He listed the award categories. He stated that he would assist with the nomination paperwork and reminded everyone that the nominations are due by April 26, 2026. The HPC members did not have any ideas.

City Planner Peter Schleinzi gave a list of eight suggestions. Discussion followed and the HPC members assigned themselves to the individual projects. Here is the list of potential projects and who will be

working on each project:

Education Program #1 - Fire Truck History (Patrick Boyd, Mark Reinhart, and Mary Ann Schumerth)

Education Program #2 - Walking Tour Launch (Gene Hackbarth, Jane Schueller, and Ald. Hansen)

Nomination of 3 residential properties and 3 commercial properties, including the Foxview Intermediate School nomination - Gene Hackbarth, Patrick Boyd, and Ald. Hansen)

CLG Subgrant (only comes into play if someone is interested in nomination and if funds are available.)

(Will decide who will work on it once these factors have been met.)

Ald. Hansen moved, seconded by Gene Hackbarth, to approve the projects and teams to work on them for 2026. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen
SECONDER:	Gene Hackbarth
AYES:	Patrick Boyd, Gene Hackbarth, Jonathon Hansen, Mark Reinhart, Jane Schueller, Mary Ann Schumerth

5. Consideration and possible action for Historic Preservation Commission members and support staff attending the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (WAHPC) annual conference in Sturgeon Bay, WI on April 23-24, 2026.

Gene Hackbarth stated that he would like to attend the conference. No other members expressed an interest in attending. City Planner Peter Schleinz suggested that the HPC members approve City staff to attend the conference. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea. Mary Ann Schumerth motioned, seconded by Mark Reinhart, to approve Gene Hackbarth and City staff to attend the conference. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	Mary Ann Schumerth
SECONDER:	Mark Reinhart
AYES:	Patrick Boyd, Gene Hackbarth, Jonathon Hansen, Mark Reinhart, Jane Schueller, Mary Ann Schumerth

6. Adjournment.

Patrick Boyd moved, seconded by Mark Reinhart, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Barker



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

5.B

**Request for Historic Preservation Commission
Action**

Meeting Date: April 27, 2026

Department: Development Services

From: Peter Schleinz, City Planner/Zoning Administrator

Subject: Consideration and possible action for the status of three projects that Historic Preservation Committee members are working on in 2026. Projects include public education program #1, historic property designations, and public education program #2.

Recommendation: Recieve and place on file.

Attachments:
Memo to HPC

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Historic Preservation Commission Members
From: Peter Schlein, Senior Planner | Zoning Administrator
Date: April 27, 2026

RE: Consideration and possible action for the status of three projects that Historic Preservation Committee members are working on in 2026. Projects include public education program #1, historic property designations, and public education program #2.

Summary:

On February 23, 2026, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) approved three projects to work on in year 2026. The HPC designated a timeline for each project and designated HPC members to work on each project. The table on the following page summarizes the HPC decisions that were made.

Below is a summary status for each specific project:

1. Education program (#1).

Status: Mark and Patrick got a good start on the 1st Educational Project on Fire Steamers, Hose Wagon Carts, etc. They found information from the De Pere Journal-Democrat, 1871-1900, for purchases by both the East and West side Fire Departments. They will give a presentation and or have discussion at the April 27, 2026, Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Project to be completed by May 2026.

2. Target three residential properties and three commercial properties for national, state, or local designation.

Status: Jonathon, Gene, and Patrick met and identified six properties to target designation on the National, State, and/or Local Historic Registers. They plan to target four residential properties and two commercial properties this year. A list of the proposed properties, with support information, is included at the end of this memo. They assigned individuals to reach out to the property owners before notice letters are sent. They are aware grant funding for consultants is not available from the federal government at this time and will give a presentation and or have discussion at the April 27, 2026, Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Project to be completed by July 2026.

3. Education program (#2).

The project does not need to start until July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

No formal HPC action is required. Receive the information and place on the file.

PROPOSED HPC MEMBER PROJECTS

Topic	Timeframe	Project HPC Member	Project Status
2026 Certified Local Government Subgrant (if funded)	Feb 2026 – Sep 2027	-	On hold until HPC knows it is funded.
Education Program (#1) Fire Truck History	Feb – May	Patrick Boyd Mark Reinhart Mary Ann Schumerth	
Target three residential properties and three commercial properties for national, state, or local designation.	Feb – Jul	Patrick Boyd Gene Hackbarth Jonathon Hanson	
Education program (#2) Walking Tour Launch	Jul – Dec	Gene Hackbarth Jonathon Hansen Jane Schueller	
On Hold for 2027 or later: HPC Ordinance Revision Review Park Naming Plaques Historic District Sign Awareness	October	-	-

	Project starts during FIRST quarter of year.
	Project starts during SECOND quarter of year.
	Project starts during THIRD quarter of year.
	Project starts during FOURTH quarter of year.

PROPOSED HPC MEMBER PROJECT TIMELINE

Topic	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
GRANT	Project on hold until funding becomes available.											
ED #1		*		*								
DESIGNATION		*		*		*						
ED #2							*	*		*	*	*
2027+ HOLD										*		

Residential Properties Identified for Potential Historic Designation:

1. 710 Waubaunuqua TR

- Owners: John O'Reilly and Chelsea Gay
- Historic Name: "*Harold & Suzanne Ecker House*" (although WHS for some reason calls it the "*Charles and Jessica Bennett House*")
- Year Built: 1957
- Properties owners have expressed interest to Peter Schlein and Ald. Shana Ledvina
- Not referenced in 2001 and 2017 Surveys
- HPC lead on outreach to property owners: Jonathon Hansen
- WHS Link: <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Property/HI121778>

2. 635 Waubaunuqua TR

- Owners: Patrick and Ashley Brocker
- Year Built: Unknown (Patrick Boyd believes in the 1880's)
- Site where Miss America Terry Meeuwse had music lessons (per Patrick Boyd)
- Believed to be the first farmhouse in that neighborhood (per Patrick Boyd)
- Not referenced in 2001 and 2017 Surveys
- HPC lead on outreach to property owners: Gene Hackbarth
- WHS Link: None

3. 922 White Pine AV

- Owners: Quentin Berkovitz and Robyn Lauritsen
- Former home of philanthropists David and Rita Nelson
- Year Built: Unknown (Patrick Boyd will research)
- Properties owners have expressed interest to Ald. Shana Ledvina
- Not referenced in 2001 and 2017 Surveys
- HPC lead on outreach to property owners: Jonathon Hansen
- WHS Link: None

4. 818 Jordan RD

- Owners: Christopher and Alice Wood
- Year Built: 1880
- Referenced in 2001 and 2017 Surveys (no eligibility determination)
- HPC lead on outreach to property owners; Gene Hackbarth
- WHS Link: <https://wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Property/HI121478>

Commercial Properties Identified for Potential Historic Designation:

1. 334 Main AV (The Longbranch Saloon)

- Owner: Kevin Bauer (Re-Serve Capacity & Supply LLC)
- Year Built: Pre-1884
- Referenced in 2001 Survey (no eligibility determination)
- HPC lead on outreach to property owner: Jonathon Hansen
- WHS Link: <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Property/HI121546>

2. 107 N. Broadway ST

- Owner: Marc and Paula Brummel (home address: 1248 Porlier ST, Green Bay)
- Historic Name: The National Bank of De Pere Building
- Year Built: 1904
- Referenced in 2001 and 2017 Surveys. Determined to be potentially eligible for National Historic Register designation per 2017 Survey.
- Letters previously sent to property owners in 2020, 2022, and 2023; no response, but also no direct in-person follow-up with property owners (we hope the State Bank of De Pere designation might lead to a different outcome this year).
- HPC lead on outreach to property owner: Gene Hackbarth (Marc Brummel is a former student of Gene's)

MAP OF POTENTIAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION LOCATIONS

