

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Time and Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau City Hall
Members Present: Gisselman (C), Tryczak, Forer, Oberbeck, Bahr (arrived at 4:09 p.m.)
Others Present: Lenz, Jacobson, Megan Lawrence

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Chairperson Gisselman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. stating that a quorum was present.

Gisselman stated that Carol Lamansky resigned and Bill Forrest resigned due to moving out of the area.

Discuss historic street signage

Gisselman said he discussed possible signs for the three historical districts with Maryanne Groat and she referred him to Ric Mohelnitzky with Department of Public Works. Mohelnitzky will get a cost estimate for the 2015 budget and design some potential signs. Gisselman would like to put signs on Grant, McIndoe and Franklin Streets. The signs would be a metal plate on top of the current signs. The straight edge signs are less expensive compared to the signs with a rounded top. Gisselman estimates \$1000 and at the next meeting this could go to the economic committee and then finance committee.

Update on Wausau Club RFP

Lawrence said an RFP for the Wausau Club was sent out in February and they only received one proposal which was from Mark Goffin with Elk Creek Architectural. They have a citizen selection committee and they reviewed his proposal. The committee will meet again next Wednesday with Mark present to discuss his proposal. The selection committee liked the concept but had concerns about his ability to move the project forward since he is not a developer. The proposal included a banquet hall, wine bar, salon, bakery and gallery, some of which would be sublet. He's also asking for a significant investment from the city.

Oberbeck asked if the committee had considered requesting more RFPs and Lawrence said that was discussed.

Lawrence added that the state ended the moratorium on historic tax credits. This also affects the Sav-O Supply building. The selection committee has chosen affordable housing for this building out of three proposals.

Discussion Historic Landmark suggestions

Gisselman passed out the Final Report of Intensive Historic Survey of Wausau from 1984 which showed three buildings the commission has discussed, all on the west side. These buildings include 540 South Third Avenue, now owned by Catholic Charities, which hasn't changed much over the years. The Citizen State Bank building at 120 Clark Street, windows may have been altered, representative of Second Avenue development area. The Scottie's building at 202 North Second Avenue hasn't changed in structure very much over the years. The owners of the Kleinheinz building are still lukewarm about becoming a landmark.

Discuss potential new members

Gisselman passed out the Historic Preservation member list pointing out expired memberships and asked for suggestions for new members. Bahr, Tryczak, Forer and Oberbeck were interested in being

reappointed.

Bahr suggested Jane Janke although she might have a hard time attending meetings due to operating the bookstore or her husband but he doesn't appear to value historic landmarks.

Oberbeck suggested someone from Habitat for Humanity and Kevin Korpela.

Gisselman added that her name is Karla Westcott. Also suggested Jane from the Knox/Kreutzer House, although she is new to the city she may bring some new ideas.

Bahr also mentioned Stacy Ness.

Lenz suggested Tom Mudrovich who has served on the state committee and he may be interested. A few years ago a younger couple attended meetings but the wife may have moved away.

Bahr asked how members were appointed.

Gisselman said he recommends the two new members as well as the reappointments and then the mayor and council determine members.

Future agenda items and next meeting date(s)

Gisselman said future items will include historic street signage, historic landmarks and new members. Gisselman will start with Jane Janke, Kevin Korpela, Karla Westcott and Jane with the Knox/Kreutzer House.

Adjournment

Bahr motioned to adjourn, Forer seconded and the motion carried unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Gisselman, Chair