

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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Time and Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau City Hall  
Members Present: Gisselman (C), Grimm, Gidlund  
Others Present: Lenz, Wood

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 not present.

### **Discussion and possible action of possible Highland Park Historic District.**

A map of the potential district and a listing of the contributing structures were passed out before the meeting started. Gisselman said that David Wood is present and owns the Charles and Dorothy Manson house. Gisselman asked the commission if there is enough significance in this district. The district could extend to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street on Hamilton Street and Gisselman said he isn't sure on the exact history. Gisselman went over the listing of contributing structures. Wood said there may be some others. Gisselman said that the structures on the list are probably the more significant houses. Wood said the Dan Kerntop had suggested the area on Hamilton, but wasn't sure the reasoning why.

Gisselman said that an informational meeting can be setup for some time in June to explain what the ordinance is. A public hearing would be set up after the informational meeting. The Charles and Dorothy Manson house is a key feature of the district. The criteria for a contributing structure are the architectural significance, people who lived there, or events that took place.

### **Set up informational meeting for possible Highland Park Historic District.**

An informational meeting will be set for June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Marathon County Historical Society.

Wood asked if there are any Q&A's to give to people. Gisselman said they normally go over the process. Lenz said there may be something that we gave during a past informational meeting and said that Crooks was very knowledgeable with the historic district ordinance. Wood asked if there is any difference in the city or state historic district. Gisselman said the city follows the city ordinance. The commission discussed the ordinance length of the location historic district portion. The commission discussed the boundaries of the potential district. Wood told the commission what he has done with the property and showed the commission the plaque that he just had made.

### **Discuss boundaries for possible West Side Historic District.**

Lenz showed the commission an aerial photo of the area, with no boundaries. The commission discussed the contributing structures in the area. Gisselman said that 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue would be a good boundary and it would be best to keep it north of Stewart Avenue.

Wood asked what the name of the district would be. Gisselman said that he wasn't sure, but it should be more unique. Lenz said that the age of the buildings would be helpful to determine what should be included in the district.

Gidlund asked if Scotties is the only factory that is left. Gisselman said that it was always retail, but Kleinheinz was a dairy plant. The commission discussed other structures in the area that are significant.

Wood asked if Marathon Park would be part of the district. Gisselman said that is on the other side of Stewart Avenue and further down. It is a national and city landmark. Wood asked what would happen if

a resident that is adjacent wanted to be part of the historic district. Gisselman said that a public hearing would need to be held and it would need to be approved by Plan Commission and Common Council. The map would just be adjusted after the approval.

#### **Discuss Watch List of Endangered Structures.**

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Gisselman said that the city needs to make a recommendation of the leaning towers on 10<sup>th</sup> Street near Stewart Park. They are all tipping. Gidlund asked if there was a residence there. Gisselman said he thought they were for the neighborhood. Grimm asked how they will straighten them and the commission discussed this. Lenz said that if it is a capital improvement project, it needs to be in by June 1.

Lenz said that there are items stored in a 2<sup>nd</sup> Street building, including dynamo, benches, and artifacts of the Stone sawmill. The actual sawmill building is lease coming up and may need to be moved. Gidlund asked what happened with the Sav-O Supply apartments. Lenz said they are waiting for tax credits. Gidlund said that some items in the school that was just toured are worth saving, like the old pew. A salvage company may want to see some of this stuff. Lenz said that there isn't anywhere to go for the items stored. Gidlund asked about the historical museum. Gisselman said there isn't any more room.

#### **Future agenda items and next meeting date(s).**

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A public hearing for the Glass Hat will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. An informational meeting for the possible Highland Park Historic District will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There may be a possible meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Unveiling of logo and signage on Franklin Street.**

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The commission will meet at the new signage on Franklin Street to unveil the sign.

#### **Adjournment**

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Grimm motioned to adjourn. Gidlund seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary Gisselman, Chair