

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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Time and Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau City Hall  
Members Present: Gisselman (C), Grimm, Tryczak, Burke, Crooks, Oberbeck (arrived at 6:05 p.m.),  
Gidlund (arrived at 6:07 p.m.)  
Others Present: Schock, Wood, Marks

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 6:00 p.m. stating that a quorum was present.

### **Approve the minutes of the March 30, 2016, April 21, 2016 and May 4, 2016 meetings.**

Tryczak motioned to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2016, April 21, 2016 and May 4, 2016 meetings. Crooks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: Discuss proposed designation of the Glass Hat as a Local Historic Landmark**

Gisselman said the history of the Glass Hat was handed out at the beginning of the meeting. The criteria used to designate a local landmark are located in Chapter 2 of the Wausau Municipal Code and the Gisselman went over the criteria with the commission. There are multiple steps in declaring a landmark. The first step is to decide to establish a public hearing. After that a public hearing needs to be conducted, the Historic Preservation Commission needs to vote, the Plan Commission needs to review the landmark status and finally the Common Council will need give the final okay. Gisselman said that this would be the second step of the process.

Oberbeck arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Gisselman said that they encourage the support of the owner.

Gisela Marks said that it would be great and would make it more than a bar. There is a lot of history to the building. Marks said she was amazed by the amount of history she found when redoing the interior of the building.

Gidlund arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Marks said that she came across information that it was oldest consecutively run bar in the state. Gisselman said it has a strong tie to the history of railroading. Marks said that there is a history with Wausau Brewery and the building and they also have the Dillinger history. Marks said they didn't know the glass block was behind the brick until they starting knocking things out. There are bullet holes in the front entry way. Most of the block is the original block. The original Glass Hat chandelier is in a basement in Merrill, but they don't want to give it up. Marks asked what other areas in town are landmarked. Gisselman said that the major landmarks fall in the Downtown Historic District, and he told Marks about the local historic districts, and other historic landmarks in the city. Crooks added that the granite walls of Athletic Park are landmarked and Gisselman stated that many buildings in Marathon Park are also landmarked. Marks asked what the oldest building is. Gisselman responded the Nathan Orr house, Marchetti house, and the depot.

Gisselman closed the public hearing.

Grimm motioned to designate the Glass Hat at 1203 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street as a local historic landmark. Gidlund seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 7-0. This item will go to the Plan Commission on

July 19, 2016.

**Adjournment**

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Crooks motioned to adjourn. Burke seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary Gisselman, Chair