

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Historic Preservation Commission will met on March 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (601 Main St W)

Committee Members Present: Stephen Schraufnagel, Jeff Muse, Maggie Ericson, and Allan Smiles

Committee Members Absent: Elizabeth Madsen-Genszler and Elizabeth Franek

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 P.M at the City Hall Council Chambers

Others Present: Mandelyn Lyons

Agenda

- 1) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from December 13th 2021.

Motion to approve the December 13 th 2021 meeting minutes by Jeff Muse, seconded by Allan Smiles. Passed unanimously.
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- 2) Public Input (each speaker will be allowed up to 5 minutes to present to the Historic Preservation Commission)

No comments

- 3) Old Business

A. Updates on Downtown Building Improvement grant program projects

Steve Schraufnagel briefly summarized the buildings that currently have projects in process including the Penn Building and Gabrielles German Chocolates.

- 4) New Business

A. Discussion of next steps and neighbor engagement regarding Fifield Row nomination

Steve Schraufnagel announced that Traci Schnell has been contracted to complete the Fifield Row nomination. She has been contracted based upon her experience as she has worked with the commission before.

Magge Ericson commented that the residents of Fifield Row are eager to get the nomination process finalized.

B. Discussion regarding historic district property owner contact list

Steve Schraufnagel commented that the commission has had the historic district property owner contact list. The commission then reviewed buildings that are up for local nomination and recommended more buildings be added to the list:

- The property at 509-515 Main St. W owned by D'Anna Zakovec

- SOO Line Depot (presently listed on the National Register)
- Ashland Bottle Works Building
- St. Andrew's Building (a former church), now known as Cathedral Nails
- Former Hank Martinsen Jr. House (located on Chapple across from Wilmarth Mansion)
- Chapple Ave. Condo Buildings (just the former Chicago Northwestern Depot, none of the new buildings)
- All Area Churches
 - Saron Lutheran
 - Good Shepard Lutheran Church
 - Bay Tower owned by Ashland Housing Authority
- Ashland Elk's Lodge #137
- Bay City School (east side)
- Bohemian Hall (east side)
- AADC Buildings
- President's House at Northland College
- Lighthouse Keepers House & Boathouse (east side)
 - Magge has pictures from 1941
 - Currently for sale – concerned about preservation

The commission has considered holding a public hearing sometime in the fall to get these buildings on the local historical register.

5) Announcements / Reports / Comments / Questions

A. Updates on Vaughn Public Library architect visit and planning

Steve Schraufnagel updated the commission and stated that the project is moving forward with acquiring Historical Preservation approval and the required building permits before construction takes place.

B. Scheduling the next Historical Preservation Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be May 2nd 2022 at 5:00 P.M in the City Council Chambers

Then another scheduled meeting will be held July 18th 2022 at 5:00 P.M in the City Council Chambers

6) Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn made by Magge Ericson, seconded by Allan Smiles. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43. Minutes by Mandelyn Lyons.