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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

April 22nd, 2024 at 5:00PM in the 2nd Floor Conference Room and via Go To Meetings

The meeting can be joined in person or by using a computer, smartphone or tablet at.

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1 877 309 2073 using Access Code: 978-070-741

Present: Andy Goyke, Magge Ericson, Steve Schraufnagel (virtual), Kristen Huset, Terri Erickson, Jeff Muse

Absent: None

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Chair Schraufnagel called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm and a quorum was declared present.
2. Approval of the Agenda
Chair Schraufnagel asked for approval of the agenda. Ericson moved to approve the agenda as written and Goyke seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of minutes from the January 22nd, 2024 Historic Preservation Commission meeting
Chair Schraufnagel asked for approval of the minutes from the January 22nd Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Muse moved to approve the minutes as written and Huset seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
4. Identify potential conflicts of interest
None
5. Public Comment (non-agenda items)
None. Wiley introduced Assistant Planner Terri Erickson to the Commission. He provided some background information on Ms. Erickson to the Commission and explained that she is a licensed architect in Minnesota. She has worked in the architectural profession for many years and is pivoting into planning like he did.
6. Action Items:
None

7. Discussion Items:

- a. Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (WAHPC) Membership
Wiley updated the Commission and explained that they had voted to approve the City becoming a member at the January meeting. He had sent in the membership information to WAHPC.
- b. Discussion on Preservation Planning
Wiley explained that he had sent out the links to the example plans for a few communities that he thought were good precedents for Ashland's historic preservation planning efforts. Goyke stated that there is a lot of commonality and that we are not really reinventing the wheel. He was not sure what to do with it. Ericson stated that we need to have an outline. She sent Wiley one from Florida. She was involved with the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) for years. The master plan for Crystal River lays out colors and they went into strict requirements. ADA ramps needed to be in the back not in the front so they could continue the look of 1900s, 20s, 30s buildings that have been around. The water tower has been designated as historic. The connection with the UP and this area is strong. Lumbermen and loggers would go to Florida to do harvesting to make pencils. They had Michigan Town, a town hall that she helped restore. They are trying to keep that waterfront a little town. Goyke asked Wiley if he could see Ashland having a plan analogous to one of the three plans. Wiley answered that he could. Ericson asked if we could contract with Traci Schnell. Schraufnagel stated that if we had a budget yes but she is booked out 6 months or more. He sent Schnell's contact information to Our Lady of the Lake. She is booked out 12 months on this.
- c. Update on Properties Recommended for Local Historic Nominations
Schraufnagel asked if Muse received the email with information on the owner list of candidate properties. Muse answered that he did not believe so. Schraufnagel asked Wiley to resend the email to him and Muse. Ericson asked if the Commission would be informed on the who what, etc. Wiley answered affirmatively. Ericson asked if there were properties on the east side of Ashland. She stated that there should be. Huset asked what the dividing line was and if it was Ellis Avenue. Wiley answered that the dividing line was Ellis Avenue. Schraufnagel stated that Bohemian Hall stands out. He asked Wiley if he had a chance to talk to Nancy regarding this. Wiley answered that he had not.
- d. Update on a Potential National/State Register Nomination for Our Lady of the Lake Church and School
Wiley and Schraufnagel updated the Commission. Schraufnagel reached out to Traci Schnell. He had sent the links for the State and National nominations provided to him by Traci Schnell. Schraufnagel and Muse are members of the parish. Schraufnagel has not heard anything on what will happen but the parish's timeline is quicker than what the tax credit programs would allow. A tax credit that an investor could buy and be credited back to OLL was in the range of \$225,000. Whether to proceed or not was up to the Board of Trustees however. Schraufnagel stated that he gave them information and it is up to them to move forward on it.
- e. Discussion on Miscellaneous HPC Items
Ericson brought up Fifield's mansion which is being reroofed. Rosalyn is in communication with SHPO and has gotten tax credits on that one. They are working with her on HVAC, plumbing, the whole 9 yards, painting, etc. She has approval on the roof and roof work is being done.

Schraufnagel stated that on Fifield Row a few questions have come up on what people can use the credits for. There are many eligible expenses for tax credits including things you cannot see from the street.

Lockwood's # 4 including the front portion is undergoing restoration. There is a lot of rot there. There is steamed curved board. Old 1887 curve.

Ericson stated that a lot of people are asking what is happening with Steve Bakos' house #7. Schraufnagel stated that Bakos renewed his permit and we can get an update on his construction schedule.

Muse asked if there is an update on Al Smiles. Wiley stated that did not have an update. Wiley asked Schraufnagel if he has contact information for Mr. Smiles. Schraufnagel does and will talk to him and get Wiley information to reach him. Wiley stated that he could call him.

8. Announcement/Reports/Comments/Questions

Wiley did not have any additional updates. Schraufnagel mentioned Northland College's financial situation and deadline to raise \$12 million in order to remain open. Schraufnagel asked Goyke if Goyke had any insight into the situation at Northland College. Goyke stated that he has no idea and that there was suppose to be an announcement with an update tomorrow.

9. Adjournment

Schraufnagel asked for a motion to adjourn. Goyke moved to adjourn and Ericson seconded. The Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Recorded by:

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