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Heritage Preservation Commissioners
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Dear Commissioner:

The next meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission will be held on **Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room** of the Winona City Hall.

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes – October 22, 2014
3. Discussion – Preservation Education Plan
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark K. Moeller".

Mark K. Moeller
City Planner

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: October 22, 2014

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Lynn Englund, Mary Edel Beyer, Erik Floan, Andy Bloedorn, Merle Hanson, Kendall Larson, Carolyn Larson and Shaune Burke

ABSENT: Wes Hamilton

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Moeller, City Planner

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Englund.

Following review of the Commission's meeting minutes from September 10, 2014, a motion was presented by Commissioner Carolyn Larson and seconded by Commissioner Hanson to approve the minutes as submitted. When the question was called, the vote of the Commission was unanimous to approve the motion.

Discussion – Presentation of Commendation Award to Basilica of St. Stanislaus

Chairperson Englund noted that this item evolved several months ago and involved the potential presentation of a commendation award to the Basilica of St. Stanislaus. Although recent Commission discussion had implied that there was a desire to pull together a celebration of sorts to present the award in October, this probably will not likely occur.

Commissioner Edel Beyer stated that in her discussion with Monsignor Thomas Hargesheimer, although there was excitement with being presented with the award, no certain date had been established with the church to accomplish this.

Mark Moeller, City Planner, noted that since we are quickly approaching the holidays, it might be advisable to conduct the celebration after the first of the year sometime. He further suggested that the Commission may want to consider presenting the award during Preservation Month 2015 activities.

Following brief discussion, the consensus of those present was that next year's preservation month may be the most appropriate time to consider an event during which the award would be presented. This concept was subsequently framed in the form of a motion by Commissioner Kendall Larson and seconded. When the question was called, the vote of the Commission was unanimous to approve the motion.

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Chairperson Englund noted that even with the previous motion, she and Commissioner Edel Beyer will continue to coordinate Preservation Month activities with church schedules. In part, the planned event might include a presentation of the history of the Basilica and how it evolved.

Discussion – Review of Proposals Received for Preservation Education Plan Project

Mr. Moeller introduced this item by noting that the City has received a Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$4,500 to be used preparing a Preservation Education Plan for the City. Given terms of the grant, this amount would be matched by a City share of \$4,500 thereby creating a budget of \$9,000 for the project. As proposed, this money would be used to hire a qualified professional to assist the Commission in developing the plan. As the next step in that process, a Request for Proposal (RFP) had been published and had been forwarded to a total of 6 potential consultants. In response, the City has received three proposals from:

- Greg Gaut, Winona, MN
- Hoisington Preservation Consultants, Roseville, MN
- 106 Group, St. Paul, MN

All three proposals had been forwarded to the Commission as part of its agenda package this afternoon. Mr. Moeller explained that given that the Commission has not had a significant amount of time to review the proposals, staff had attempted (Exhibit A of the permanent minutes) to summarize each in terms of qualifications outlined in the RFP. These qualifications generally included project experience, total project bid, project approach, project timing, and proposal submittal information (was the proposal complete).

At this point, Mr. Moeller highlighted each proposal in terms of the previous standards. As an introduction, he explained that all three proposals involved professionals that would be classified as very qualified to undertake the project. Outside of that, each did vary a bit in terms of defining how the project would be approached.

Upon discussion, Commissioner Hanson stated that, in his opinion, Mr. Gaut's proposal appeared to be the most complete in terms of defining project scope. Although his experience was somewhat limited, he felt that this was more than compensated for by his previous work experience as a university professor and his ability to be an excellent facilitator. In his opinion, Mr. Hanson explained that the project scope involves a lot of different fingers that need to be brought together by an adequate facilitator. He felt that Mr. Gaut met those qualifications. Therefore he would support Mr. Gaut for the project.

Commissioner Bloedorn agreed with Mr. Hanson's analysis and also felt that, with this project, Mr. Gaut understands local issues and would have his feet well on the ground when the project starts.

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Commissioner Burke suggested that the current list of three be paired to two at which point the Commission could discuss the merits of the two selected. Following brief discussion, the consensus of those present was that a single consultant be selected from the list of three.

Commissioner Kendall Larson stated that, in her review of all proposals, she felt that Mr. Gauts was the strongest in terms of defining:

- Target audiences for the project.
- The ability to develop an idea of what other HPCs are doing in this area.
- The knowledge and resources needed to develop the project and facilitate discussion with other local preservation stakeholders such as the Winona County Historical Society, Main Street, Visit Winona, and others.

Commissioner Kendall Larson further stated that she liked Mr. Gaut's approach to soliciting information. In her opinion, she felt that this project will involve a number of personal contacts with other individuals and groups, as well as the general public. In her opinion, Mr. Gaut had done a good job of defining that he will spend a fair amount project time in this area.

Commissioner Burke noted that although Mr. Gaut has limited experience in projects of this sort that may not be a weak point. Since he hasn't undertaken a project of this scope before his approach may be a bit different.

In her review of proposals, although she did rank Mr. Gaut's first, she felt that Mr. Hoisington's was a close second choice. As with Mr. Gaut, Mr. Hoisington does have a fair amount of experience with the City, and has done a very good job for the City.

Commissioner Kendall Larson suggested that Mr. Gaut's proposal appeared to address RFP requirements more completely than the other two. Although all proposals did appear to include all information required, the 106 Group and Hoisington proposals were not as well designed in terms of addressing the three areas of study as defined in the RFP.

Commissioner Carolyn Larson stated that she also supported Mr. Gaut for this project because she feels that he truly understands the various idiosyncrasies of the City in terms of preservation issues. As noted earlier, given his understanding of the community and how various segments of it are connected, he would be able to hit the ground running with the project.

Commissioner Bloedorn agreed and added that even if all proposals were the same, he would support Mr. Gaut on the basis of his understanding of the preservation community and how it relates to the City.

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Commissioner Englund suggested that, given work that has been undertaken by Mr. Gaut, he appears to be one who is willing to go over and above what is expected of him. Although that is not to say that other consultants may also do this, in Mr. Gaut's case it was a certainty.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Burke to recommend to City Council that Greg Gaut be retained to prepare the Preservation Education Plan. When the question was called, the vote of the Commission was unanimous to approve the motion.

Commissioner Englund stated that although Mr. Gaut is being recommended for the project, she wished to express her appreciation to other firms who had responded to the RFP. Hopefully, they will be given an opportunity to undertake additional work in the City at some point in the future.

Other Business

A question was asked of the status of the proposed ground sign at the Huff Lamberton residence. It was noted that the Design Review Committee had struggled with the sign application primarily from the standpoint that sign materials will not be of natural stone, brick or stucco. As proposed, the property owner was working with LaCrosse Sign Company who had proposed the use of artificial materials. Given this, the Committee had questions related to the longevity of those materials. During a meeting between the Design Review Committee, property owner and La Crosse Sign last week, it had been determined that the sign was appropriate. Given that, the Certificate of Appropriateness was approved.

At this point, Commissioner Kendall Larson stated that she felt that it would be a good idea for the City to get into some form of a program where signs or markers of various types are offered to historic properties. Upon discussion, the consensus of those present was that this might be an item that should be discussed as part of the upcoming Preservation Education Plan.

Mr. Moeller noted that Commissioner Kendall Larson's ideas was a good one, and that he too had often thought of a potential grant program that would offer limited funding to historic property land owners desiring to construct new signs. The limited grant opportunity might offer payment for a portion of the sign if it met certain "historic" aesthetics that could possibly be certified by the Design Review Committee. Again, this is something that could conceivably be discussed during the upcoming grant project.

Discussion then ensued to the locations of Sobieski and Gabrych Parks on the east end.

It was noted that a house located on West Broadway was being rehabilitated and that the property owner was doing an excellent job in this project.

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In returning to the Basilica Commendation Award issue, it was suggested that the Commission tentatively look at a presentation event during its regular meeting in May, 2015.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Bloedorn and seconded by Commissioner Hanson to adjourn the meeting. When the question was called, the vote of the Commission was unanimous to approve the motion.

Mark Moeller
City Planner

Exhibit A

106 GROUP (ST PAUL, MN)

Qualifications (Excellent)

- 3 personnel involved.
- All 3 have excellent credentials and (2), including manager, meets required Secretary of Interior professional qualifications.
- Has not yet done work for the City of Winona.

Project Experience – Firm has completed a number of studies including implementation of tools (i.e. Stillwater – website links and marketing/education materials related to proper home maintenance).

Project Bid - \$9,000 (not to exceed) – no mileage/per diem cost listed. Hourly rate of personnel - \$77 - \$95.

Project Approach

- Initial conference call to discuss project process.
- One day visioning workshop with participants including all preservation stakeholders. Consultant would facilitate / record topic discussions of core values, mission, purpose, roles and responsibilities and a strengths and weakness threats (SWAT) exercise.
- Workshop followed by preparation of draft Preservation Education Plan in a PowerPoint format.
 - Consultant public presentation of the draft plan (required) to the HPC
 - Public feedback to plan obtained during public forum and through City website. (PowerPoint presentation could be placed on site for public review.)
- Final Plan prepared.
- Completion – final plan by June 20, 2015.

Project Timing – Meets RFP requirements.

Proposal Submittal Information – Meets RFP requirements. RFP received on due date of October 20th.

HOISINGTON (ROSEVILLE, MN)

Qualifications (Excellent)

- One man firm – 30 years of preservation experience.
- Meets required Secretary of Interior professional qualifications.

Project Experience (Very Good)

- Has completed various nomination forms and CBD Design Guideline Document for City of Winona.
- Noted experience in developing education/marketing tools as video walking tours, interpretive touch screen programs, or QR codes.
- Couldn't find experience related "specifically to Winona project".

Project Bid - \$8,900

- Mileage – \$.56/mile-no per diem.
- Consultant hourly rate - \$45.

Project Approach

- Initial meeting with HPC to reaffirm project/calendar.
- Consultant/HPC will hold a "series" of "small gatherings" to discuss HPC mission/activities. This will include one public forum with a City website presence for input.
- Following review of town forums and input meeting, meet with HPC to develop mission statement.
- Consultant prepares draft.
- Preservation Education Plan – presents at public forum (required).
- Consultant develops final action/implementation plan.
- Total of 8 consultant meetings proposed.

Project Timing – Final plan by May 1, 2015.

Proposal Submittal Information – Meets RFP requirements. RFP received on October 17th (due date – October 20th).

GREG GAUT (WINONA, MN)

Qualifications (Excellent)

- Biographical credentials meet Secretary of Interior professional qualifications
- More than adequate facilitation skills.

Project Experience (Limited)

Has done work in Winona (Local and National Register Nominations). Experience has not included projects similar to that now proposed.

Project Bid - \$9,000 (no mileage/per diem expenses). Consultant hourly rate = \$45.

Project Approach – (Note-detailed approach presented did the best job of aligning with project scope presented in RFP.)

- Although meeting schedule is generic, several would be held with the HPC and other preservation stakeholders.
- Proposal includes significant community outreach effort.
- Process would terminate with public presentation of plan.

Project Timing – November thru June 20, 2015. Meets RFP requirement.

Proposal Submittal Information – Meets RFP requirements. RFP received on due date - October 20, 2014.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion – Preservation Education Plan

DATE: November 12, 2014

Per action taken on November 3rd, Council did certify a Commission recommendation to retain the services of Greg Gaut in coordinating preparation of the Preservation Education Plan project. Given that approval a contract has been signed and as his first course of business, Mr. Gaut has requested to meet with the Commission on November 12th to review his proposal (attached), and intended work plan for the project.

Attachment



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October 20, 2014

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Dear Mark,

I am pleased to present you with a Proposal to Prepare a Preservation Education Plan for the Winona Heritage Preservation Commission.

Because I have strong backgrounds in both education and preservation, I am well prepared to take on the role you envision in your Request for Proposals. For about two years, I have been working around the state as a historic preservation consultant. Prior to that I had a successful teaching career at Saint Mary's University. Although I'm no longer a full time teacher, much of my work in preservation is educational. I remember, for example, Mark Peterson and I standing before the Winona school board for nearly an hour educating them about the difference between National Register and local historic designation.

My work in the preservation community began while I was teaching at Saint Mary's. Probably my first public act was speaking in favor of preservation at the hearing that the Heritage Preservation Commission organized when the Winona County Courthouse flooded in 2000. Shortly thereafter, I became a member of the Winona County Historical Society board of directors. In 2005, I was appointed to the HPC. As you know, I left the HPC in 2012 only because I wanted to compete for contracts offered by the City of Winona. During this period, I was also appointed to the Minnesota State Review Board for the National Register. I am now completing my third and last term and serve as chair.

With my wife, Marsha Neff, I have published two articles in *Minnesota History* which explore Winona's preservation history. The first article tells the story of the successful efforts to save the Winona County Courthouse; the second describes the construction and loss of the Winona Post Office. For both articles, we received the Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians' David Gebhard Award for the best article on the built environment (see the resume below for full citations).

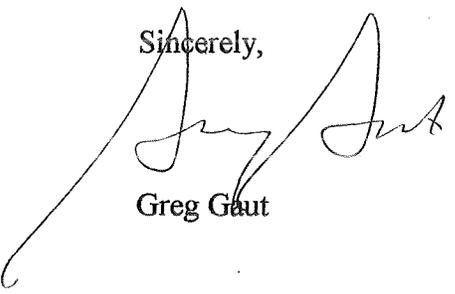
I have also learned a great deal about Winona history in my work as a consultant. Although I have worked in various counties, I was fortunate to have been hired by the Winona HPC to complete the National Register nominations of the Milwaukee Road (currently Amtrak) Station, the Laird Norton Company Building, and the local designation of the Abner Hodgins House on Windom Park. Winona State University also hired me to complete the National Register nominations for Somsen and Phelps halls, the two campus buildings associated with the historic Normal School.

I think you and the commission will agree that my work for the city has met and exceeded expectations. The nomination forms for the Milwaukee Road station, the Hodgins house, and the Laird Norton Company Building received very positive feedback from State Historic Preservation Office staff and from HPC members. I'm committed to doing whatever is necessary to successfully complete a project, even if that requires going beyond what was envisioned in the contract. For example, you will recall that I traveled to Minneapolis to persuade Canadian Pacific Railroad officials, against their initial inclination, to support the nomination of the Amtrak Station, which they own.

The work you describe requires a consultant who can regularly attend meetings in Winona, not only with the HPC, but also with the Winona County Historical Society, Visit Winona, Winona Main Street, and others. I'm well prepared to do so, and have done so in the past. For example, for each of the contracts noted above, I appeared before the HPC several times to give progress reports. I also prepared a Power Point presentation on the Hodgins house for the HPC's public hearing, and then repeated that presentation for the City Council when they confirmed the designation.

I include a work plan, time table and budget; a statement of my background, experience and references; and a resume. I will gladly provide more information as necessary. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Greg Gaut

Enclosure

Proposal to Prepare a Preservation Education Plan for the City of Winona Heritage Preservation Commission



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Consultant's Work Plan, Time Table and Budget

This proposed work plan is organized around three goals. Although a time frame is given for each section, work towards each goal may overlap. I will be happy to amend this work plan as necessary after consultation with the Heritage Preservation Commission.

I. Clarify the HPC's purposes and core values Nov. 2014-Jan. 2015

- A. Facilitate a Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) review of the foundational documents which guide the work of the commission:
- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
 - Relevant federal regulations
 - National Park Service publications and website
 - Minnesota statutes
 - State Historic Preservation Office Five Year Plan
 - SHPO publications and website
 - Winona preservation ordinance which created the HPC
 - *City of Winona Comprehensive Plan*, August 2007
 - *Winona, Minnesota Historic District Design Guidelines* (2007).
- B. Facilitate meetings involving HPC members and members and other community organizations interested in historic preservation in Winona to determine their ideas about HPC purposes and core values, and their ideas about future collaboration, including
- Winona County Historical Society
 - Visit Winona
 - Winona Main Street
 - State Historic Preservation Office
 - As appropriate, the Winona Public Library, Winona State University, Saint Mary's University, local newspapers, *Big River Magazine*, and interested city staff and elected officials (e.g. Mayor Mark Peterson and interested council members).¹
- C. Facilitate a brainstorming session at which HPC members and staff assess the community response collected above and articulate their questions and views

¹ HPC Members would be invited to all meetings but it is understood that they are volunteers with busy lives and will not always be able to attend. Summaries and documents from these meetings will be shared with members via email for their comments.

about the purpose and the core values of the HPC, as well as their ideas about what a mission statement should include.

- D. Based on all of the above, prepare a draft mission statement, present it to HPC for revisions, and then prepare a revised version to guide further work.

II. Prioritize the objectives and strategies of the HPC's public education initiative

February-April 2015

- A. Based on documentary research and interviews with the Planning Director and former members of the HPC, such as Mayor Mark Peterson and longtime chair, Bob Sebo, prepare for current HPC members a brief overview of the commission's record of encouraging preservation in Winona, focusing on strengths and weaknesses, successes and failures.

(For example, in 2000 the HPC played a leading role in the successful effort to preserve the Winona County Courthouse after the "Labor Day Flood." On the other hand, the HPC was unsuccessful in efforts to persuade Merchants Bank to alter its plan of demolishing eight storefronts in the National Register district in 2006.)

- B. Facilitate a HPC discussion to determine which audiences to target with a public educational initiative. Potential audiences might include public officials, downtown property owners, owners of historic homes, developers, building contractors, the media, school children, college students, and the general public.
- C. Prepare and present the HPC with a report about the educational activities of several other HPCs in Minnesota and elsewhere. *These examples will be chosen with assistance from SHPO staff.*
- D. Based on all the above, facilitate a HPC discussion to prioritize the objectives and strategies of the proposed public education initiative.

III. Create a work plan with a catalog of tools

April-June 2015

- A. Present the HPC with a repertoire of educational tools commonly used in preservation education and facilitate a discussion about which tools would be most appropriate given the objectives and strategies chosen above.

Note: Possible tools might include a dedicated web-site, social media, print media, printed materials, audio tours, workshops, exhibits, programs to highlight National Register and locally designated properties, and others.

- B. Facilitate meetings between representatives of the HPC and the collaborating organizations to explore joint ventures involving these goals and strategies.
- C. Prepare a draft final report for comment by the HPC.
- D. Facilitate a meeting of all those mentioned in I. B above to present the draft report and seek feedback.
- E. Prepare a final report which summarizes the process and presents a work plan for a HPC public initiative for preservation education. The final report will include:
 - 1. A summary of the core values found in the foundational documents discussed in Section I,
 - 2. A summary of the ideas and questions of the HPC members,
 - 3. A summary of the ideas and questions presented by WCHS, Visit Winona, Winona Main Street, SHPO, and others mentioned in Section I,
 - 4. The mission statement HPC members create,
 - 5. An overview of the HPC's experiences noted in Section II,
 - 6. The HPC's determination of the audiences it seeks to reach,
 - 7. A summary of examples of educational programs from other HPCs,
 - 8. The HPC's determination of its prioritized objectives and strategies for a public education initiative,
 - 9. A summary of the possible educational tools presented to the HPC,
 - 10. A summary of the possibilities of joint ventures and collaboration that emerged from the meetings with WCHS, Visit Winona, Winona Main Street, SHPO and others, and
 - 11. A work plan which identifies specific tools, joint ventures, and funding mechanisms to guide the HPC's future work.
- F. Make a public presentation of the work plan to the HPC to which all of the organization and individuals mentioned above, along with the general public, are invited.

Total Fee

\$9,000

Note:

Project budget is based on average hourly rate of \$45. Hourly rate covers all the consultant's out of pocket costs including office expenses, computer and printer supplies, photography, incidental photocopying, CDs, postage, and travel. The city will be responsible for photocopying and distributing the final report.

Background, experience, and references

Background

After my undergraduate degree, I earned a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law and practiced law for eight years in the Twin Cities. Subsequently I studied history at the University of Minnesota and was awarded a Ph.D. in 1992. For the next two decades I was a college professor. Since leaving my tenured teaching position at Saint Mary's University in December 2011 pursuant to an early retirement agreement, I have been self-employed as a historic preservation consultant. I meet and exceed the Secretary of Interior Professional Qualification Standards in History.

Experience

I have been directly involved in historic preservation work for over a decade. I served on the board of the Winona County Historical Society for six years playing an active role in various preservation issues. In 2005, I joined the City of Winona's Heritage Preservation Commission and served on that body until 2012. In that role, I oversaw the surveying of Winona's downtown historic district for purposes of locally designating it as a historic district under the city's preservation ordinance. I was also in the forefront of a successful effort to evaluate and then nominate four Winona schools for the National Register.

In 2006, I became a member of the Minnesota State Board which reviews all nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and acts as an advisory body on issues of statewide historic preservation. My colleagues on the board elected me chair in 2013. As a member of the board, I have participated in the review of more than 100 nominations from around the state.

As a consultant, I have prepared the following National Register nominations:

- The former Milwaukee Road (currently Amtrak) station in Winona, pictured here;
- Two Winona State University buildings associated with their historic Normal School;
- The Laird Norton Company Building, the former headquarters of largest of the four lumber firms which dominated Winona's riverfront in the late nineteenth century;
- The Hokah Municipal Building, a WPA-built Art Deco structure on Main Street in a small Houston County town; and
- The Sacred Heart Public School in Sacred Heart (Renville County).



I have written a local landmark designation for the Abner Hodgins' House in Winona, a Queen Anne residence built by a lumber baron. I also helped Florence Township secure a Legacy grant to replace the roof on their 1875 town hall, a National Register property located in Frontenac Station, MN. A complete list of projects can be found in the attached resume.

The HPC has in its files samples of my work including the nominations of the Milwaukee Road Station, the Abner Hodgins House, and the Laird Norton Company Buildings. My other National Register nominations can be accessed at the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office webpage, along with my photographs of each property. The two Winona State University buildings are on the August 20, 2013 agenda of the State Review Board, and the Hokah Municipal Building (pictured here) and the Sacred Heart Public School are on the August 19, 2014 agenda. <http://www.mnhs.org/shpo/nrhp/nominations.htm>.



References

Please feel free to call any of these references for whom I have worked on a variety of projects:

- **Mark Peterson**, Mayor of Winona and Executive Director, Winona County Historical Society, 160 Johnston Street, Winona, MN 55987, MN, 507-454-2723, director@winonahistory.org.
- **Barb Bissen**, Director, Hokah City Library, P.O. Box 503, Hokah, MN 5594. 507-894-2665. hokahbarb@gmail.com.
- **Art Hamilton**, Chair, Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission, 28971 Wood Ave, Frontenac, MN 55026-1021, 651-345-6445, midwestwroughtiron@mchsi.com.
- **Sonja Thune**, Director, Sacred Heart Area Historical Society, 300 5th Avenue, Sacred Heart, MN, 56285, 320-765-2274, sonja@hcinet.net.
- **Janet Timmerman**, Museum Director, Murray County Historical Society, 2480 29th Street P.O. Box 61, Slayton, MN 56172, 507-836-6533, museum@co.murray.mn.us.

And for general reference, please contact:

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Background in history, education and law:

- ✦ Qualified historian under the Secretary of the Interior's standards.
- ✦ Ph.D. in History from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
- ✦ Emeritus faculty at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota after seventeen years as a tenured member of the history department.
- ✦ Chair of the Saint Mary's history department 2001-2006.
- ✦ J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul.
- ✦ Practiced law in Minneapolis and St. Paul for eight years.



Experience applying preservation principles to real world situations:

- ✦ Chair, *Minnesota State Review Board for the National Register of Historic Places*. Joined the board in 2006; elected vice-chair in 2008-2012, elected chair in 2013. Participated in the review of more than 100 nominations.
- ✦ Member, *Heritage Preservation Commission* of the City of Winona, MN, 2005-2012. Participated in local designation of the downtown historic district and of the National Register nomination of four public schools.
- ✦ Member, *Winona County Historical Society* board of directors, 2001-2005; elected vice president, 2003-2005.
- ✦ Member, *Winona County Historical Society* building committee which oversaw the design and construction of the award-winning Laird Norton addition to its museum, a *National Register* property.
- ✦ Prepared three successful grant applications to the *National Endowment for the Humanities*, one of which funded planning for an exhibit on the creation and preservation of Winona's built environment.

Recently completed projects:

- ✦ National Register evaluation (2013) and then nomination (2014) of the Sacred Heart Public School in Sacred Heart, MN (Renville County).
- ✦ National Register nomination of the Hokah Municipal Building (Houston County)
- ✦ National Register nomination of the Laird Norton Company Building in Winona.
- ✦ A successful Minnesota Legacy grant application for Florence Township (Goodhue County) to fund the rehabilitation of their 1875 town hall, a National Register property, in Frontenac Station, MN.
- ✦ National Register nomination of two Winona State University buildings associated with the historic Winona Normal School.

- ✚ Local designation of the Abner Hodgins House, an 1891 Queen Anne residence, as a historic landmark protected by Winona's heritage preservation ordinance.
- ✚ National Register nomination of the Milwaukee Road Depot (now Amtrak Station) in Winona.

Work in Progress

- ✚ Preparation of the nomination of the South Oak Street Historic District in Lake City, MN as a local historic landmark.

Publications on architecture and Minnesota history with co-author Marsha Neff:

- ✚ "Downsizing the Public Realm: The Building and Razing of Winona's Grand Post Office," *Minnesota History* 63 (Summer 2013): 246-259. *Note:* This article received the 2014 David Gebhard Award for best article on the built environment from the Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (MNSAH).
- ✚ "Landmarks" columns for *Minnesota History*:
 - St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church, Winona, Vol. 64, No. 1 (Spring 2014): 3.
 - Pickwick Mill, Pickwick, Vol. 63, No. 7 (Fall 2013): 267.
 - United States Post Office, Red Wing, Vol. 63, No. 3 (Fall 2012): 87.
- ✚ "Red Stars Over Minnesota: The Gorbachevs Visit the Twin Cities," *Minnesota History Quarterly* 61 (Winter 2009): 346-359.
- ✚ "'Save the Lady' - The Struggle To Save the Winona County Courthouse," *Minnesota History* 59 (Winter 2005/06): 316-334. *Note:* This article received MNSAH's 2008 David Gebhard Award.

Publication on Minnesota Environmental History

- ✚ *The Environmental History of the Zumbro River Watershed: An Annotated Bibliography*. Rochester, MN: Zumbro Watershed Partnership and the History Center of Olmsted County, 2014. Co-authored with Janet Timmerman and Kevin Strauss. Funded by a Minnesota Arts and Cultural Legacy Grant.

Selected public presentations on preservation topics

- ✚ "The Abner Hodgins' House: Celebrating Lumber Prosperity in Queen Anne Style." *Winona County Historical Society's Food for Thought series*, 2013.
- ✚ "Evaluating the Sacred Heart Public School for the National Register." Community Meeting, Sacred Heart, MN, 2013.
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