

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: December 10, 2014
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Lynn Englund, Merle Hanson, Mary Edel Beyer, Andy Bloedorn, Carolyn Larson, Erik Floan, and Wes Hamilton
ABSENT: Kendall Larson
STAFF PRESENT: Mark Moeller, City Planner and Myron White, Development Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Lynn Englund called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Meeting Notes-November 12, 2014

Because there was not a quorum at the November meeting it was noted that there were no official minutes, only notes on the discussions that took place. No official action was taken at the meeting.

3. Work Session with Greg Gaut-Part 1-Preservation Education Plan

Chairperson Englund handed the floor to consultant, Greg Gaut, to lead the discussion.

Review of Foundation Documents - Mr. Gaut referenced 9 Federal, State and Local documents that have laid the foundation for the Commission's work.

Federal:

- **National Historic Preservation Act of 1966:** Created the National Register, State Historic Preservation and Certified Local Government programs. The legislation also outlined federal funding of historic preservation projects.
- **Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:** Outlined the treatment for rehabilitation of Historic Properties.
- **Penn Central Transportation Co. vs. New York City (U.S. Supreme Court 1978)**
This Supreme Court decision affirmed the power of cities to regulate on the basis of historic preservation.

Ruled that regulations for the purpose of historic preservation are not considered a "taking". Also, recognized that decisions were to be based on objective criteria and not simply a matter of personal taste.

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State:

- **MN Statutes 471.193 Municipal Heritage Preservation:** Statute that authorizes Historic Preservation Commissions and their powers.
- **A New Season: Preservation Plan:** SHPO's six year plan.

City of Winona:

- **Winona Ordinance-Section 22.27 Historic Preservation Commission:** Ordinance creating the HPC.
- **Winona's Historic Contexts: Final Report of a Historic Preservation Planning Project:** Gemini Research context study: catalog of historic buildings 1991-94 (valuable, but dated).
- **City of Winona Comprehensive Plan (2007):** Identified historic preservation excerpts.
- **Winona, Minnesota Historic District Design Guidelines (2007):** Guidelines for properties in the downtown historic district.

Discussions with Partners: Main Street, Visit Winona, Winona County Historical Society

- All provide opportunities to partner.
- Chamber seems genuinely committed to Main Street program and its historic aspects. Port provides partial funding.

4. Brainstorm: What would the HPC like to focus on/accomplish over the next 12 to 24 months.

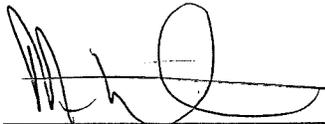
- Wes Hamilton encouraged a focus on education and awareness stating people are likely to become more engaged if they know what's going on. One key is to make access to the web site and HBC information easier by digitizing as much information as possible (enhance web presence as that is typically the first stop for people).
- Lynn Englund suggested that interactive historic preservation demonstrations (what is the proper way to preserve) at local home shows would put a face to the HPC.
- Wes Hamilton had suggestions to make Historic Preservation relevant by using stories to personalize preservation and make it more interesting.
- Mary Edel Beyer thought each school class might consider adopting a building, doing research on the historic structure and writing stories about the building and its people.
- Merle Hanson wondered if the historical society has ever done oral histories.
- Wes Hamilton thought some type of time-lapse illustrating how Winona has grown over the years may spark interest.
- Andy Bloedorn said Winona State has digitized Sanborn Maps and these maps help bring that history alive.

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- Mark Moeller thought digitized maps in conjunction coupled City directories helps to put people and places together.
- Andy Bloedorn suggested bringing in research of newspaper articles would also help bring people and place into context.
- Mark Moeller identified the need to "reach out" to owners of historically relevant properties.
- Wes Hamilton suggested we utilize vehicles like quarterly newsletters, e-news via Downtown Main Street and even their Downtown App.
- Mary Edel Beyer summed up the discussion that our ultimate goal is to help citizens and property owners develop an appreciation for Winona's history and historic preservation

5. Next Meeting Scheduled: 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 14th. Mike Koop from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be in attendance.

Mary Edel Beyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Hamilton. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30.



Myron White
Development Coordinator