

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: October 21, 2015

PRESENT: Mary Edel Beyer, Merle Hanson, Kendall Larson, Susan Briggs, Preston Lawing and Andy Bloedorn

ABSENT: Carolyn Larson and Wes Hamilton

STAFF PRESENT: Myron White, Development Coordinator

VISITOR: David Bittner, Winona Downtown Main Street

1. Call to Order

Kendall Larson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.n.

2. Consideration of September 9, 2015 Minutes

Preston Lawing made a motion to approve the September 9, 2015 minutes, seconded by Mary Edel Beyer. All those present voted aye.

3. Choosing a Vice-Chairperson

Andy Bloedorn indicated that he and Wes Hamilton would volunteer to serve as co-vice chairs. Preston Lawing made a motion to close nominations and accept Wes and Andy as co-vice chairs. All those present voted aye.

4. Update on Community Assisted Mentorship Program Grant/Planning

Kendall indicated that we have been in contact with Stephanie Paul of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions about an upcoming Winona CAMP. Stephanie indicated that the first half day would concentrate on commissioners' roles and responsibilities while the 2nd half day we would talk with experts on how preservation can be incorporated into the zoning code update that is underway.

5. HPC State Conference

David Bittner reported that he and City Planner Carlos Espinoza attended the conference in Little Falls. He indicated he attended sessions on vacant properties and listened to discussions on "demolition by neglect". The conference also dealt extensively with funding sources and alternative uses for vacant buildings.

6. Update – New Bridge Construction

Staff person White provided the most recent bridge plans and elevations.

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7. HPC Facebook Page

Still in discussion with City Attorney regarding policies related to the Facebook page.

8. Ongoing Business Items

- A. Kendall provided a spread sheet of historic buildings. From that sheet we could identify properties in distress. The Commission might also work on updates to the historic property inventories that were done in the 1990's.
- B. The Commission looked at the existing Certificate of Appropriateness documents and suggested changes to the documents.
- C. There was discussion of setting a joint meeting between the HPC and the Board of Adjustment.
- D. David Bittner provided an update on the Downtown Main Street efforts including the Progressive Dinner, not so black Friday, decorating and wreath contest and opportunities for storefront and sign design.
- E. The Committee asked for a date for the next opportunity for public input to the zoning code update. The Commission also talked about drafting a letter which outlined the top issues as they pertain to the HPC.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.



Myron White
Development Coordinator