

HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Friday, August 6, 2010

Administrative Center – Room B390

9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Twinde-Javner, King Holley, Anne Loomis, Beverly Mach, Harriet Schuppel, Kent Sween

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Barb Kooiman (ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Margaret Norden, Linda Saley

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Vicki Twinde-Javner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 4, 2010

MOTION by Sween/Schuppel to approve the Minutes from June 4, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

UPDATE ON OEHLER FARM NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

A copy of the contract with the Wisconsin Historical Society, historic preservation consultant Tim Heggland, and the La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission, was distributed.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION WITH REMAINING FUNDS

Since the Oehler Farm nomination project will come in at less than the full grant amount, the Chair spoke with the State Historical Society about use of the remaining grant funds. They indicated that remaining grant funds totaling \$3,500.00 could be used for another nomination. Discussion was held regarding a nomination of the Swarthout House and Neshonoc Dam, including property ownership and procedure for contracting with a historian. **MOTION** by Mach/Holley to pursue National Register nomination of the Swarthout House and/or Neshonoc Dam with remaining Wisconsin Historical Society funds. **Motion carried unanimously.** The Chair will contact the WHS to see if those two properties are worthy of NRHP status.

The Chair took the following agenda item out of order:

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS / NOMINATION PROCESS

- Striped School - Anne Loomis has done some research, and is scanning photographs and collecting oral history. Linda Saley, a former student, spoke about suggested measures to preserve the school from water damage, and other people who would have knowledge about the history.
- Greenfield Town Hall – No update.
- Mindoro Cut – No update.
- Swarthout House – To be considered for National Register nomination.
- Lake Neshonoc Dam & Powerhouse – To be considered for National Register nomination.
- Stone Cellar in Town of Greenfield – No update.
- Middle Ridge School - Bev Mach attended the Middle Ridge Fest, and spoke with interested persons about a nomination. She indicated the group would be meeting to fill out an application.

UPDATE ON DESIGNATION OF WRIGHT FARM AS A LA CROSSE COUNTY HISTORIC SITE

The Chair checked with the Finance Department on use of printing funds for designation plaques. She reported that it would be alright to do so, and she'll provide a draft design for approval at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF THE PALMER/LEWIS OCTAGON HOUSE AS A LA CROSSE COUNTY HISTORIC SITE

The Resolution states that the Palmer/Lewis octagon house is a historic site in La Crosse County, and is on the National Register. The structure remains intact, and features the unique architecture of an octagon house. **MOTION** by Holley/Loomis to approve the Resolution Re: Designation of the Palmer/Lewis Octagon House as a La Crosse County Historic Site. **Motion**

carried unanimously. The Resolution will next go to the Planning, Resources & Development Committee at its August 30, 2010, meeting.

UPDATE ON COMMISSION'S WEBSITE

No update since prior report.

APPROVE 2011 BUDGET

A draft of the 2011 proposed budget was included in committee packets. Line items were discussed to see if remaining funds from 2010 could be carried over. **MOTION** by Mach/Sween to transfer same dollar amounts from the 2010 budget to the 2011 budget, except Wisconsin Historical Society grant funds. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING 2010 PRINTING BUDGET

Discussion was held regarding printing more bookmarks. The item will be carried forward.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 22 OF COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

No update since prior report.

UPDATE ON NOMINATIONS / RESOLUTION PROCESS

- Iron Overhead Truss Bridge (tabled)
- Others

King Holley indicated he would like to see the resolution to approve the Iron Overhead Truss Bridge drafted and pursued. Vicki Twinde-Javner will review the original resolution.

MOTION by King/Schuppel to have the chair review the nomination of the Iron Overhead Truss Bridge and if complete to have the chair sign and submit to Planning, Resources & Development Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No additional items requested. All items will remain.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mach/Schuppel to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Approved, September 3, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder