

## **HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Friday, November 5, 2010

Administrative Center – Room B390

9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vicki Twinde-Javner, King Holley, Barb Kooiman (ex-officio), Anne Loomis, Beverly Mach, Harriet Schuppel, Kent Sween

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Margaret Norden

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Vicki Twinde-Javner called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2010**

**MOTION** by Schuppel/Sween to approve the Minutes from October 1, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **UPDATE ON OEHLER FARM NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION**

Vicki reported that she talked to Tim Heggland about contacting family members and property owners. She asked for approval from the Commission to write and co-sign a letter with Heggland to explain the nomination process and benefits. Member consensus was that she should proceed with a letter. Discussion was held about property owner obligations if they receive tax credits vs. no restrictions if they do not avail themselves of the tax credits.

### **UPDATE ON NESHONOC DAM AND POWERHOUSE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION**

Barb Kooiman reported she has been trying to contact North American Hydro, the dam owner, and has not been able to speak with a responsible person in the company. Vicki will update Joe de Rose at the State Historical Society about the progress. If no contact can be made with the company, the request to use the balance of the grant money for a National Register nomination of the Neshonoc Dam and Powerhouse will be withdrawn.

### **UPDATE ON PLAQUE FOR PALMER/LEWIS DESIGNATION AS HISTORIC SITE**

Vicki brought the Palmer/Lewis historic site plaque and an invoice for \$30. The invoice is for two plaques and will be submitted under the 2010 printing budget. Anne Loomis will deliver the plaque.

### **UPDATE ON COMMISSION'S WEBSITE**

Bev Mach pointed out that there are two identical paragraphs on the home page and that the list of historic sites needs updating. Barb said that the site is difficult to find on a browser such as Google. The site will be reviewed and the web designer contacted with concerns.

### **UPDATE ON PRINTING BOOKMARKS WITH REMAINING 2010 PRINTING FUNDS**

Vicki reported on the balance for printing projects in 2010. Barb will order enough bookmarks to use \$850 of the remaining funds. Discussion was held regarding distribution of existing pamphlets to be able to clear storage in the County Board Chair office.

### **REVIEW 2011 BUDGET REQUEST**

Bev Mach reported that Supervisor Ebert has indicated he will make a motion to provide \$1,000 each to four area historic societies – West Salem, Onalaska, Holmen, and Bangor. It is unknown if he will recommend deducting \$4,000 from the County's contribution to the La

Crosse County Historical Society. It is also unknown if he will propose that administration of those funds go through the Historic Sites Preservation Commission, and if that could affect the \$1,000 annual grant money which can also be awarded to other 501.c(3) organizations, including Norskedalen, Preservation Alliance of La Crosse, Friends of McGilvray Road, Clearwater Farm Foundation, the 4000 Foundation, and Middle Ridge School Restoration. Bev will clarify any questions at County Board deliberations.

#### **UPDATE ON REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 22 OF COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCE**

Discussion was held regarding apparent concerns about staff shortages in the Zoning Department and their ability to enforce any ordinance changes. Vicki will talk to Dave Lange about holding off on re-drafting the ordinance, and talk to Jeff Bluske about staffing concerns. The Commission will also review the suggested ordinance changes to see if they could be simplified.

#### **REVIEW GRANT REPORT FROM WEST SALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The West Salem Historical Society completed their project and submitted a report that is both interim and final.

#### **UPDATE ON POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS / RESOLUTION PROCESS**

- Iron Overhead Truss Bridge
- Palmer/Lewis Octagon House

No further update, except Palmer/Lewis nomination noted above.

#### **UPDATE ON POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS / NOMINATION PROCESS**

- Striped School
- Greenfield Town Hall
- Mindoro Cut
- Swarthout House
- Lake Neshonoc Dam & Powerhouse
- Stone Cellar in Town of Greenfield
- Middle Ridge School

There were no updates on the above except the Middle Ridge School. Bev reported they appear interested in an enrichment program that would invite schoolchildren to experience an old fashioned country school. The group has asked Commission members to attend a party the evening of December 7, 2010, at the school. Bev, Anne, and possibly Barb, will plan to attend.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

All items will remain except the Palmer/Lewis nomination and the West Salem grant report.

#### **NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 3, 2010**

Anne raised the possibility of a tour of West Salem area historic sites, followed by an evening social at her home. Discussion was held regarding the need for a business meeting in December. Consensus was to hold a business meeting at the regular time, have a separate social gathering, and conduct a tour in the summer months.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Schuppel/Machto adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

**Approved,** December 3, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder