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MINUTES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION January 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm WEBEX ONLINE

HPC Members Present: Heidi Heinze, Jayne Hoffman, Ben Plunkett (Council Rep), Denton Anderson, Julie Huebel, Mark Anderson, Pam Friede (late listening in)

HPC Members Absent:

Staff Present: Kendra Ellner-Planner, Jon Smits –IT, Emily Shively – City Planner

Others Present: Patricia LaRue (listening in)

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:03 p.m.

HPC MEMBER VOLUNTEER HOUR REPORT

Mark Anderson – 4 hours working on the Glen poster

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2021

M/Hoffman, S/Denton Anderson – motion passes 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Heinze commented that Amy Peterson emailed her a compliment about the preliminary redesign of the Glen sign.

Heinze then asked the group if they received an email from Jason Tish from the Wisconsin Historical Society about a C.A.M.P. training. She will forward the email to the group and fill out the survey for scheduling in the Spring. Heinze will update the group on the details as they come in.

Patricia LaRue joins the call.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Work Plan 2022

1. Inside park pavilion photos

Heinze mentioned to the group will continue to work on this project and it shall be kept on the work plan.

2. Promotions

Heinze said HPC will be having different public events and speaking engagements that they will want to attend to (River Falls Days, Town and Country day etc....) and have items to hand out.

They have previously discussed purchasing post cards, keychains, posters, and mini posters. Conversations and motions will continue throughout the year as events come to fruition.

3. The Glen sign

Heinze hopes that the group can have this project completed this year. The group reviewed Mark Anderson's latest design and will discuss next steps at the February meeting.

4. CLG grant/National Register

Heinze mentioned that this project was started 2-3 years ago and follows up on the historic survey to nominate some historic homes in the area. Heinze met with Ellner and Shively earlier in the month to discuss the process and next steps. June is when the letter of intent needs to be submitted. Heinze emphasized that HPC will particularly pursue this more towards the fall.

5. WHS exhibit.

Heinze discussed the traveling exhibit is tentatively reserved for September through October until HPC officially purchases the reservation. Heinze suggested that HPC could curate a local collection of photos and artifacts include in the exhibit.

6. Other

Heinze asked the group if there are additional items to be added to the work plan. Plunkett asked, the role the university could play as a partnership with the HPC. Heinze responded that HPC has an opportunity to work with them on the upcoming UWRF anniversary in a few years. However it's not likely the partnership to happen this year as there is a lot going on.

Ellner asked if Hoffman was able to connect with Brian Hatch the City's electric meter technician about the project for photo scans and artifacts from the power plant. The project will be kept off the work plan as a side project and Hoffman can keep the group up to date.

Heinze asked Hoffman about HPC speaking to retired teachers in River Falls. Hoffman answered that the contact recommended for HPC to do a talk in May, but these are still preliminary discussions that will be updated as new information come to light. Heinze mentioned that the Rotary also reached out and is interested in hearing from the HPC in May to update on what they are working on. These items will not be on the work plan, but group will update each other throughout the year.

Heinze mentioned that items can be added to the work plan throughout the year. There are two items that are not on the work plan because they are not up to HPC's decision, but HPC will pursue throughout the year. 1) The Glover Schoolhouse is awaiting to be finished and to be available for public use. Heinze hopes potentially it will be useable at the end of the year, then more discussions can be had. 2) The Lime kilns and Foster Cemetery will likely be put off until next year as it is time consuming, and HPC needs to work on the National Register first. The group seemed to be in a consensus.

7. City Staff Presentation

Ellner provided a brief presentation on the City's upcoming three plan Comprehensive, Bike and Pedestrian and Outdoor Recreation planning process and answers questions.

CALENDAR

Next Historic Preservation Commission meeting February 9, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Heinze called for adjournment at approximately 6:46 P.M.