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MINUTES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION August 24, 2022, at 6:00 pm Glover School House

HPC Members Present: Jayne Hoffman, Jeff Bjork (Council Rep), Mark Anderson, Julie Huebel, Pam Friede

HPC Members Absent: Heidi Heinze (excused), Denton Anderson (unexcused)

Staff Present: Kendra Ellner – Planner

Others Present: Patricia LaRue

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:02 p.m.

HPC MEMBER VOLUNTEER HOUR REPORT

Julie Huebel – 5 hours

Jayne Hoffman – 5 hours

Heidi Heinze – 15 hours

Mark Anderson – 1 hour

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 13, 2022

M/Bjork, S/Friede 5-0 motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Patricia LaRue introduced herself as the Chair of the Park Board, Plan Commissioner, and steering committee member for the Outdoor Recreation Plan. She shared a picture from 1989 when the Junction dam was being rebuilt, over what she called the “Lake George dam” - a 120-year-old rock crib and timber dam. She explained that there was potential for shifting the timeline for removal of the Junction dam along with the Lake George dam and does not want it to end of in a landfill or HPC to be caught off guard when and if it happens.

She encouraged HPC to consider reassembling it for public view for preservation if it were to be taken out because it is one of the oldest dams in Wisconsin. Mark Anderson chimed in and mentioned his passion for wood working and how it would be wonderful to utilize the wood to make a model/replica. Huebel asked LaRue if she was referring to rebuilding a section of the dam. LaRue responded that she envisioned the original dam or material pieces of it included in a model, placed where Lake Louise was for the community to view as part of the implementation of the Kinni Corridor Plan. HPC and LaRue

discussed some additional ideas back and forth for preservation of the area and the dam, then concluded with appreciation to LaRue for sharing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Glover School images

Hoffman explained that she, Huebel and Heinze spent time at the Archives to uncover some relevant information or photos of Glover School. Teacher records were found and a few other class images but not related to Glover School related. One idea that Hoffman shared with the group that her and Heinze came up with is to work with the City's communications coordinator to post a notice on Facebook to find more information or images the community may have. Ellner chimed in that she could help facilitate if HPC gave her the language or photo they wanted to use. Bjork agreed there likely are images floating around in the community. He mentioned Betty Johnson, Tom Johnson's sister who went to school there, graduated in 1948, he could ask her if she has any images or information and post on a Facebook group.

Hoffman clarified the context behind the two map pictures in the packet that Heinze received. The estimate to frame them seemed expensive for not exceptionally large maps. Hoffman offered to talk to Holly Clayton that does some framing work to give HPC a quote that might be less expensive. Bjork asked what the purpose of framing the maps. Hoffman mentioned it was to put inside the schoolhouse along with additional photos to put on the walls because there is sufficient wall space to include some historical elements for public to view when they rent the space. Hoffman mentioned the final decision would need to be reviewed by the Park Board.

Bjork asked if there is a lot of demand for the space. LaRue chimed in and affirmed it's pretty popular because of the bathroom, sink and great space for family gatherings. Huebel mentioned she has it rented for a crafting day. Hoffman mentioned there has been a graduation and birthday party here.

Huebel reaffirmed that Hoffman should investigate other potential quotes. Ellner mentioned that HPC should look at the budget which was on the last page of the packet. All the highlighted items are tentative, which Heinze's quote is incorporated to account for both maps framing. While there seems to be limited amounts of funds left in the promotions category there is a possibility to shift around some money from other categories if needed.

HPC was in consensus about sharing on Facebook that HPC is inquiring about photos and information on Glover school and to search for additional quotes for framing the maps.

2. WHS Local History and Preservation Conference

Ellner explained that a few commissioners can go in-person but not everyone because of the budget limitations, especially if paying for accommodations. Bjork asked where it was this year – in Rothschild, WI. Huebel mentioned she would like to go via online but including Heinze - Hoffman, Friede and Anderson wanted to go in-person. Ellner said she will look to confirm in the budget on whether all four could go, and then they would need to send their preferred workshop sessions to Ellner.

3. Pop-up Museum

Hoffman explained that because of Heinze's absence none of the museum items were present for HPC to look at but Hoffman confirmed that Heinze is actively working away at putting it together. Ellner explained that the materials needed to be shipped will be paid for and dropped off at City Hall. Ellner passed out the posters Heinze wanted shared with the group but was not sure in what capacity she wanted to implement them. Huebel and Bjork asked if the poster could be sent digitally to the group and Ellner confirmed. Huebel recommended to have a scaled down state version since there was uncertainty about the locations and dates as Heinze mentioned that one of the locations listed have been cancelled.

4. The Glen sign

Hoffman asked Anderson if there were any updates on the sign. Anderson mentioned he wanted to have a couple of material samples but explained that the best resolution was on a sheet of vinyl or aluminum and is still waiting for a quote. However Anderson was able to confirm that Mike Stifter and the Public Works guys would be able to build the base. Bjork asked what the life expectancy of the vinyl or aluminum material is, and Anderson replied with a general estimate of 5-10 years but was uncertain. Anderson affirmed it was a short time span and discussed with Stifter that if the base were built, and the image was printed over the vinyl there could be plexiglass covering to make it last longer. Anderson will confirm material samples and pricing hopefully by the next meeting, but the sign is projected to be 27" X 72" and Stifter and crew can begin working on the base.

5. CLG letter – Notification to Property Owners

Hoffman described the purpose of the letter. Ellner explained some of the changes including the dates and the sentence about the presentation will be given by Jason Tish in the first paragraph. Ellner also wanted to confirm two property addresses because, she was unable to determine where they were. There was some discussion, and the conclusion was that they would get back to her. However HPC approved the letter.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 5# - HPC approved the CLG letter and for Ellner to mail them to the eligible property owners.
M/ Friede, S/ Bjork 5-0 motion passed.