



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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**AGENDA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
5:30 p.m.
City Hall – Foster Conference Room**

5:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 18, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topic

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Plaque for Mel's Midtowner
2. Prairie Mill Chronology
3. Story Map Edit
4. Historic Preservation Fund Sub Grant Swinging Bridge Update
5. River Falls Days

NEW BUSINESS
Agenda Items for July 13, 2016 Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

*Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.
No official Council action will be taken.*

Notification: River Falls Journal, 06/10/16
Post: City Hall Bulletin Board and Library 06/10/16



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MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 pm
City Hall - Training Room

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 5:30 pm

Members Present: Hal Watson, Jayne Hoffman, Heidi Heinze, Jeff Bjork, Rebecca Prendergast, Mark Anderson

Members Absent: Pam Friede – Excused

Staff Present: Tony Steiner – *City Planner*, Jason Blatz – *GIS Intern*

Others Present: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Bjork / Hoffman to approve the minutes of the April 13th meeting - unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Logistics for Home Movie Day Proposal

Jayne continues to work on this project and will report back at the July meeting.

Development of Story Map Sites

Jason Blatz gave reviewed progress on the story map site. Members have the electronic version and will individually review the draft for corrections for map and historical accuracy and other ideas for sites to incorporate and will report back changes to staff.

Finalize River Falls Day Postcard

Final review of the logistics were discussed. Tony was instructed to move forward with final layout and to get post cards printed and ready for distribution at River Falls Days.

Review Chronology of Proposed Landmark Sites

The final order for landmark sites to work on in 2016 was approved.

Update on Historic Preservation sub Grant- Swinging Bridge Nomination

Tony will be putting together the RFP for the project and will report back to HPC when it is ready to send out. The State requires a final completion date of August 2017.

Selfies

Members were reminded to take their selfies and e-mail them to Tony.

Update on Historic Preservation Work Plan

Members approved the final work plan for 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Items for June 15, 2016 Meeting

- Plaque for Mel's Midtowner
- Prairie Mill Chronology
- Story Map Edit and Ideas
- Update on Swinging Bridge

ADJOURNMENT-

MSC Bjork /Prendergast to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. - unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Steiner, City Planner

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Tony Steiner, City Planner 

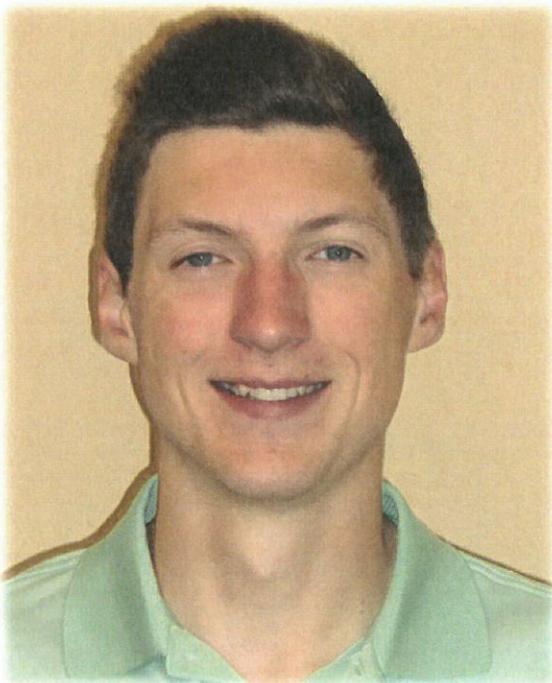
DATE: June 15, 2016

RE: Welcome New Intern Tyler Galde

Please help us welcome GIS Intern Tyler Galde to the City! Tyler will be assisting in Community Development with GIS and Planning projects. Tyler is a Senior at UWRF majoring in Biology with an emphasis in Field Biology and a minor in GISci. He is proficient in GIS, Adobe products, basic Microsoft products and JAVA, and he will continue to assist other departments with GIS projects as time allows.

Tyler is on the UWRF Lacrosse Team, and last summer he was a foreman at a landscape company in his hometown of Rochester. As you can tell, he loves to be outdoors.

Please give him a warm River Falls welcome.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Tony Steiner, City Planner 
DATE: June 15, 2016
RE: May Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda Items

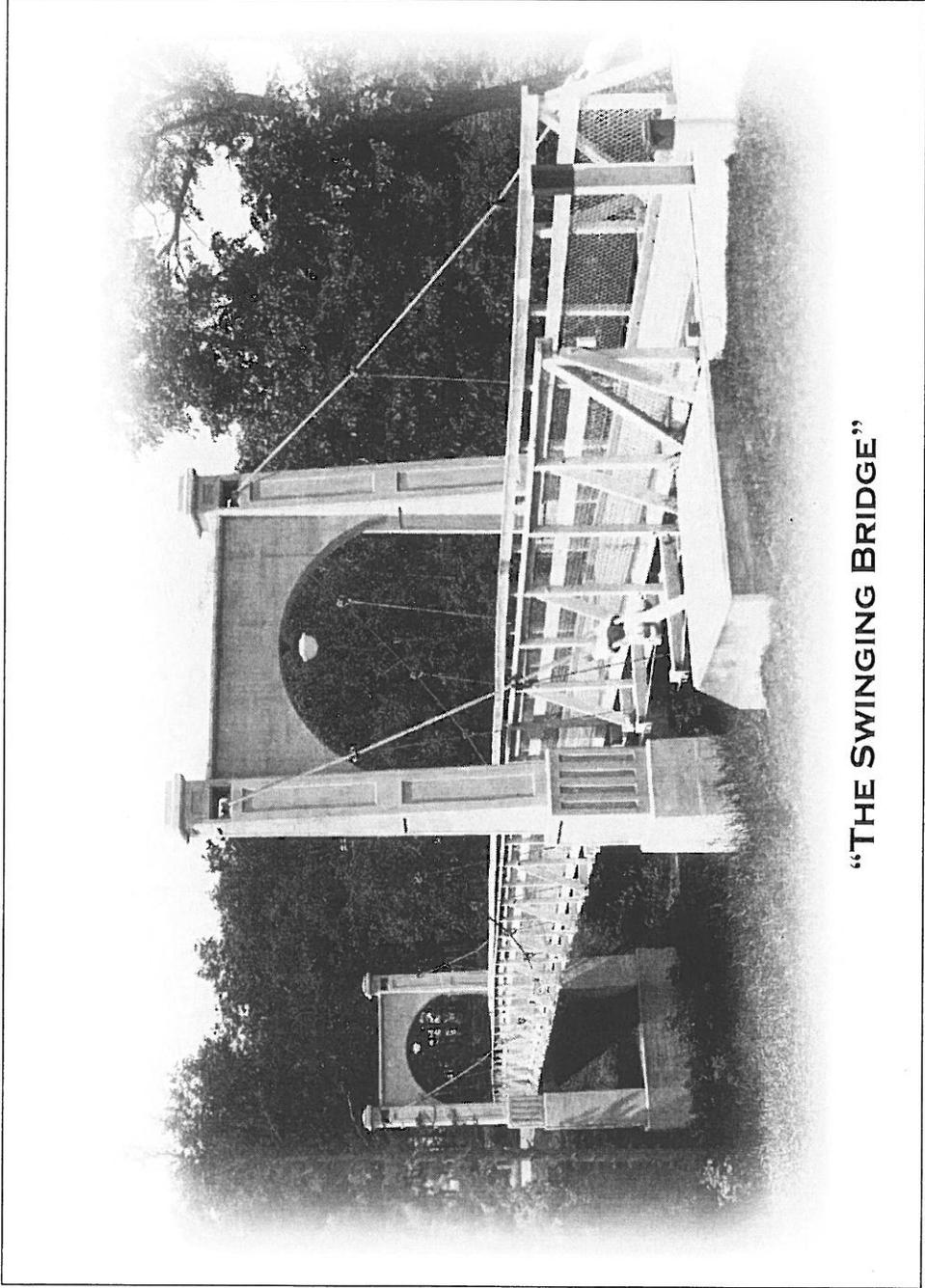
- Item 1:** **RE: Plaque for Mel's Midtowner**
Gene Gavin (Mel's Midtowner owner) has stated that he is interested in paying for and installing a historic designation building plaque to his property. The HPC began work on the plaque in 2015. Heidi will bring the background information gathered to date and we can discuss a timeline for completing the project.
- Item 2:** **RE: Prairie Mill Chronology**
The Prairie Mill Chronology was put on hold last year. Most of the information has been assembled. Jayne has the background, but cannot be at the meeting. Heidi will get the latest version from Jayne for the meeting and we can discuss a strategy to get the plaque completed. The historic elevation of the Prairie Mill has already been cast and is in storage.
- Item 3:** **RE: Story Map Edit**
At our last meeting we reviewed the discussed the Story Map that Jason Blatz had put together. Commission members have the electronic draft and were pleased with the effort to date. Jeff suggested that members check the map and narrative for historic and geographic accuracy. Jason has moved on and Tyler Galde is taking over the project. Tyler will be at the meeting on Tuesday and we can discuss changes and additions.

Item 4: RE: Update on Historic Preservation Fund Sub Grant- Swinging Bridge Nomination

Memo of Understanding (MOA) for the project from the State Historical Society in late April. The MOA was signed and returned to the State. Staff is still working on a Request for Proposals and will have a draft for your review at our July meeting. The project must be completed by August 11, 2017.

Item 5: RE: River Falls Days

At our last meeting the Commission instructed staff to put together the post card of the Swinging Bridge, get it printed and ready for distribution at River Falls Days. The post cards are in the process of being printed. Attached is the front and back of the post card. At our meeting we should briefly discuss the logistics of distribution so we are all in agreement.



"THE SWINGING BRIDGE"

Glen Park Suspension Footbridge River Falls, Wisconsin

The Glen Park Suspension Footbridge, more commonly referred to as the "Swinging Bridge" was designed and built by the Minneapolis Bridge Company in 1925 in order to connect pedestrian traffic north of Cascade Avenue to Glen Park. Financing for the construction of the bridge, which cost a reported \$4,800, was raised by the Women's Improvement League. Upon its completion in October, the River Falls Journal reported that the bridge "...is universally declared as one of the best improvements the City has made in a long time." In 1986, the bridge was rehabilitated and it continues to serve as a pedestrian access to Glen Park.

The City of River Falls is currently preparing a National Register Nomination for the Glen Park Suspension Footbridge.



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