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MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
February 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Members Present: Heidi Heinze, Sean Downing, Mark Anderson, Jayne Hoffman, Denton Anderson, Pam Friede
Members Absent: N/A
Staff Present: Brandy Howe
Others Present: Elizabeth Boden

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Hoffman, S/Downing – motion carried 4-0 (Friede arrived at 6:15, D. Anderson arrived at 6:35)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elizabeth Boden addressed the Commission and expressed her interest in joining. The Commission thanked her for her interest and suggested she contact the Mayor via email or mail to ask that she be appointed.

Downing asked the Commission to have a minute of silence in honor of the lives lost at the Parkland, Florida school shooting earlier in the day.

Heinze reported that the Life on the Kinni walking tour would be conducted for the general public by her and any other interested members of the HPC on Tuesday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. In addition, a tour will be provided to the Garden Club on Monday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.

CURRENT ITEMS

Letter to River Falls School District regarding Academy School

The Commission reviewed a draft letter to the School District regarding the razing the River Falls Academy building. Hoffman and Downing proposed significant edits to the letter drafted by staff. Downing's version removed most of the historical references and boiled it down to the main point that the Commission cannot endorse the demolition of the academy because it does not align with the charge of the Commission. Hoffman stated that if the School District referendum passes, the School District has committed to demolish the 1920s and 1940s section of the building. Whichever way the referendum is decided, she noted that her version of the letter focuses on creating a partnership with the School District in light this decision to save those elements of the building that are historically significant. After much discussion, it was determined to use Hoffman's version of the letter.

Friede made a motion to accept Hoffman's letter as edited.

M/Friede, S/M Anderson – motion carried 5-0

Swinging Bridge National Register Nomination letter of Support

The Commission reviewed a draft letter of support to the Wisconsin Historical Society for the nomination of the Swinging Bridge for the Wisconsin Historical Register. WHS will be reviewing the nomination at its February 16, 2018 meeting.

Friede made a motion to accept the letter as drafted by staff.

M/Friede, S/Hoffman – motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

Glen Park Pavilion Photos

M Anderson stated that the Commission should begin to think about the historic pictures that it would like to see included in the new Glen Park Pavilion project. It was suggested that the Commission upload their photos to a Dropbox so that they could be reviewed at the next meeting. Howe volunteered to create a Dropbox for the Commission to use for this purpose.

Photo Project

Heinze suggested that with the coming designation of the Swinging Bridge as a historic site on the State and National Registers, this could be the focus of their first photo/story for the River Falls Journal. Much of the content could be lifted from the postcard with additional information about the nomination and grant funding that made it possible. All agreed with this approach.

AJOURNMENT

Downing made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

M/Downing, S/Friede – motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted,



Brandy Howe, AICP, Senior Planner