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### MINUTES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION March 9, 2022, at 6:00 pm CITY HALL TRAINING ROOM

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

**HPC Members Absent:** Denton Anderson (excused)

**Staff Present:** Kendra Ellner-Planner, Emily Shively – City Planner

**Others Present:** None

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

#### HPC MEMBER VOLUNTEER HOUR REPORT

Mark Anderson – 3 hours

Jayne Hoffman – 2 hours

Heidi Heinze – 2 hours

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 9, 2022

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Heinze mentioned the State of the City address at Tattersall and though it was a great turn out and happy to see people concerned about the community.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### 1. Heritage signs

The Glen interpretive sign – Heinze exclaimed that it looked awesome and HPC is very close to being finished. Heinze described the intentions behind the captions that were drafted. Heinze requested feedback from the commissioners. Hoffman pointed out some of the grammar edits and suggested some language to clarify the beekeeper story. HPC discussed for a while about the grammar and language. Friede remarked that no one will be that critical of the language but there should be some consistency and clarity. Editing continued with many perspectives and discussions. HPC seemed to come to a consensus and Anderson agreed to make the updates. Heinze graciously thanked Anderson for his hard work. Anderson mentioned that he can bring a full-size image to the next meeting and HPC can possibly share the draft sign with the community for the Earth Day Event, Rotary and other future

events to get feedback before the final version and putting it up. HPC is really proud and excited to finish up this project.

HPC then discussed the drafted heritage sign series that was suggested by Shively at the last meeting. Heinze described the layout, images, and potential narratives. Heinze recommended getting a list of the existing historical markers and then plan out the sign prioritization for each year to go along with the HPC's budget. Huebel suggested coinciding the signs with the upcoming anniversary dates of the historical landmarks: Glen Park – 125 years old in 2023, UWRF –150 years old in 2024 and Swinging Bridge 100 years old in 2025. Heinze asked for input. HPC seemed to come to a consensus on these signs:

- a. The first schools, The Powell brothers, railroad would be very straight forward to do next.
- b. Kinnickinnic River sign may need more details from the indigenous tribes or in addition create a Pre-settlement sign.
- c. HPC decided to start with organizing an inventory of the current signs and their locations before beginning with this next phase.

## **2. Indoor pavilion images**

Ellner showed a falcon board material image. Heinze revealed that Nancy at Hub70 recommended this material. Heinze read the email with suggested printing direction which HPC could decide on. Huebel asked about how sturdy the material would be if potentially if people touch or deface it. Anderson explained that the material is sturdy, except if dropped on the corners, but having some type of framing could prevent damage or destruction. Plunkett asked about the decision to forego the PVC material. Heinze described that the PVC material was too thin and complicated to mount. Plunkett suggested that HPC go the inexpensive route at first and see how it holds up. Then, if it gets ruined, get the more expensive material. Heinze mentioned that they'll wait for the pricing and potential resolution quality for the falcon board material. HPC will continue this discussion for next meeting, but they are hoping to have these images up by summer.

## **3. City Editorials**

Ellner described the notification resources the City could share HPC information to the community such as through Facebook, River Falls Reader or the website. HPC can begin thinking about what information they would want to share. Heinze said with all the agendas and packets Ellner could use that information to write up a HPC reintroduction. HPC will prepare the information for upcoming events as dates get closer. For the next meeting HPC will specifically plan content for the May River Falls Reader to elevate the HPC and Historic Preservation in general.

## **4. City Staff Updates**

Ellner updated HPC about the status of the Glover Schoolhouse and its preparations to be opened within the next upcoming months. HPC wanted Ellner to ask Mike Stifter if HPC could meet out there in June. Ellner then shared the Swinging Bridge posters picked up from Hub 70. HPC was thrilled with them. Lastly Ellner shared more relics and documents the City has on hand for the HPC. Heinze kept the post cards and other members took some of the items but otherwise HPC consented to keep them at City Hall.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

N/A