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MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
August 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Foster Conference Room

HPC Members Present: Jayne Hoffman, Mark Anderson, Michael Page, Denton Anderson, Jeff Bjork, Pam Friede

HPC Members Absent: Heidi Heinze

Staff Present: Brandy Howe

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2019

M/Page, S/Bjork – motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Page reported that Heinze gave a nice update on HPC activities at the August 13, 2019 City Council meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Historic Preservation Plan

Howe reported that some of Chapter 5 (2003 plan) had not been included in the plan update. To address this, staff brought forward pertinent information from Chapter 5 into the updated plan. In addition, staff added a Forward, Appendix D identifying key accomplishments since the 2003 plan was approved and added the cover pages and acknowledgements page. HPC reviewed the changes. Bjork made a motion to approve the plan as amended prior to it being forwarded to Council.

M/Bjork, S/Page – motion carried 6-0

2. Glen Park Board Images

Howe reported that the Glen Park pavilion is anticipated to be completed by September and a grand opening is tentatively planned for May 19, 2020. The HPC is charged with selecting up to 7 images for the exterior photo boards to be attached to the pavilion. They reviewed 9 images (described as follows) on the large screen in the Foster Conference Room. The HPC will do some social media outreach to try to find better resolution images of the zoo and the Women's Improvement League with a hope of having more images by the next meeting.

1. Glen Park kitchen (log structure)
2. Swinging Bridge

3. Women's Improvement League (two images)
4. 1960s swimming pool
5. Zoo images
6. Swimming lessons with ball players and Popcorn van
7. Dams (two side by side images)
8. Lodge and old car
9. Rustic bridge

3. Plaque Updates

Howe reported that the Veterans Park plaque has been installed and Heinze is working with the American Legion to discuss cost sharing for the plaque purchase. The dedication is scheduled for August 19. Howe reported that the Walker Farm plaque has been delivered and is ready to be installed. It is understood that Heinze will work with Carole Mottaz and Mike Stifter on installation.

4. Cascade Mill Plaque/Sign

Item pulled for September discussion.

5. Update on Local Landmark/National Register Outreach

The HPC noted that five property owners are interested in learning more about National Register listing. It was suggested that the HPC should begin planning for an educational workshop. Howe will contact Joe DeRose at WHS to determine when he would be able to make a trip to River Falls to help with this endeavor.

6. HPC Promotions

Howe reported that Hub70 will charge \$50 per hour for graphic design fees to prepare a new logo for the HPC; a full redesign is estimated to cost \$125-\$175. It was decided that the Swinging Bridge should be the inspiration for the new logo. Bjork made a motion to have staff work with Hub70 on a logo design.

M/Bjork, S/Page – motion carried 6-0

7. Power Plant Update

Howe reported that a team of three staff members is working on a report to help finalize the decommissioning process for the power plant and to help city administration make decisions about the future of the structure. Staff requested HPC assistance in identifying the historically significant portions of the building. It was suggested that a walkthrough of the structure and site would be helpful to begin research/documentation.

CALENDAR

Next meeting September 11, 2019.

AJOURNMENT

D. Anderson made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

M/Friede, S/M. Anderson – motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandy Howe". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Brandy Howe, Senior Planner