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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
February 28, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jan Michalski, Sue Dyke O'Day, Don Jensen, Merike Phillips and Tom Schleif

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Jensen and roll was taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

1. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Alderman Michalski to nominate Don Jensen for Chairperson. Nominations were closed. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0; Abstain 1) Mr. Jensen abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. Schleif and seconded by Alderman Michalski to nominate Ms. Phillips for Vice Chairperson. Nominations were closed. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0; Abstain 1) Ms. Phillips abstained.

2. Proposed Historical Artifact Lists for Red Arrow Park Artillery (M116 75mm Pack Howitzer) at 1700 84th Place. (District #2)

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Mr. Schleif to list the Red Arrow Park Artillery (M116 75mm Pack Howitzer) as a historical artifact.

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, explained that Chapter 38 of the General Ordinances established standards for listing an item as a historical artifact within the City's inventory. This item meets the criteria.

Mr. Jensen asked if there will be more items nominated at the next meeting. Mr. Maki said yes, there are a number of items he is working on.

Mr. Schleif asked who did the research? Mr. Maki said he did with help from other Staff. Mr. Schleif commended him on the thorough research.

Aldermen Michalski said he supports this nomination. This is not a large piece, but an important piece that stands out.

The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

3. Discussion of future Historical Artifact listings.

Mr. Maki said when the initial work began on the Chapter 38 Ordinance, a listing of possible artifacts was created for the Public Safety & Welfare Committee. That listing included:

For the March meeting, we are proposing to bring forward the Winged Victory

Monument and the Lincoln Statue. Are there any other other items we could add to the list for future meetings?

Ms. O'Day asked if members of the Commission could tour some of these items so we would know what we are talking about and what to look for in future candidates. Mr. Maki said he could arrange to meet with members and view the items. We need to have various outings so we don't create a quorum.

Ms. Phillips mentioned the Civil War Cannon in Eichelman Park. Ms. Phillips also mentioned in the Kemper Center Civic Auditorium they have some tapestry that may date back to 1910.

Mr. Schleif said a possibility would also be the mosaic on the building behind the Faulkner Building.

Mr. Maki reminded Commissioners that the criteria includes the items must be at least 50 years of age or be associated with property that is on the Historical listing.

Mr. Jensen asked if the mosaic on the Faulkner Building is already covered because it is on a building. Mr. Maki said this Ordinance has more "weight". With this Ordinance and designation the owner must notify us before destruction.

Mr. Jensen suggested the statue of the Civil War soldier in Green Ridge Cemetery for the listing.

Alderman Michalski suggested we find a way to educate the public so any citizen can come forward with nominations. We should get the Citizen's involvement.

Ms. O'Day asked if we previously advertised for citizen's to suggest historical items. Mr. Maki said that was a long time ago. The City could do another Press Release to get this information out to the public. Mr. Jensen is worried a press release won't get enough attention. We need to have a major article with pictures.

Ms. Phillips suggested contacting Diane Giles and asking her to do a story. Mr. Maki said he would contact Ms. Giles.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. Phillips said she previously requested Staff to do a study on the value of buildings in the downtown area. Can this be an agenda item for our next meeting?

Ms. O'Day said what about the Downtown Study? Mr. Maki said that study focused on establishing a main street area and a director to head the process.

Alderman Michalski thanked Mr. Jensen and Ms. Phillips for taking on the leadership duties. Alderman asked for a status update of the Elk's Club. Mr. Maki said the City currently has one developer that has done other projects in Kenosha and would like to convert the building into apartments. Another developer would like to turn it into commercial use. Mr. Maki hopes to have additional information by the next meeting.

Mr. Jensen said since the old KYF building is already designated as apartments, do we

really need more? Mr. Maki said this developer would make them market rate apartments.

Ms. Phillips said what about the Masonic Temple? What is the future of that building? Mr. Maki said he would research before the next meeting. Ms. O'Day said it was purchased by someone from Chicago to house his paintings.

Mr. Jensen said he is concerned the the Commission is shrinking - we need new members. Suggestions made included: Bill Siel and Rayanne Moon. Mr. Maki said it would be nice to have more historic property owners on the Commission.

Ms. Phillips said Historic Preservation is very active in Racine. Racine is having a "100 Year Building Recognition", Kenosha should start a program like that. Mr. Maki said the City previously issued certificates during Preservation Week in May.

Mr. Schleif said we could try an architectural scavenger hunt. There could be 20 or 25 items people have to find.

Staff Comments

Mr. Maki said this Historical Artifact nomination will go before the Common Council on Monday, March 18, 2013. Mr. Jensen asked if the Commission should attend this meeting. Alderman Michalski said you can, but there should be no argument.

John O'Day said there will be repairs at the Yule House and the Old History Center. When the Request for Proposals is created, should there be reference to historical requirements? Mr. Maki said it should be noted this is on the National Register and State Register of historical properties and any exterior changes are required to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. O'Day said he will call the County and make sure the language is used.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Ms. O'Day to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 5; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Kay Schueffner, Community Development & Inspections

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
March 28, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jan Michalski, Don Jensen, Merike Phillips and Tom Schleif

EXCUSED: Sue O'Day

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki

Other present included: Alderman Chris Schwartz

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mr. Jensen and roll was taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Mr. Schleif to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2013 meeting. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

1. Proposed Historical Artifact Listing - Abraham Lincoln Statue at 711 59th Place. (District #2)

Public hearing opened, no comments, public hearing closed.

Alderman Michalski said these are items that were previously discussed and we don't anticipate any opposition to adding them to the listing.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Ms. Phillips to recommend the Abraham Lincoln statue as a historical artifact. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

Mr. Jensen added that it was Mr. Calkin's vision to have a statue located on each of the four corners in library park, but it never materialized.

2. Proposed Historical Artifact Listing - Kenosha County Soldiers Monument at 711 59th Place. (District #2)

Public hearing opened, no comments, public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Ms. Phillips to recommend the Soldiers Monument statue as a historical artifact. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

3. Discussion on the Downtown Study Historic Building Analysis

Public hearing opened.

Alderman Chris Schwartz, representing District #2, was in attendance.

Public hearing closed.

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, has provided excerpts from the *Kenosha Downtown Strategic Development Plan* to aid in the discussion.

The plan summarizes that activities over the years and a direction for the future. Kenosha Area Business Alliance (KABA) is currently advertising and will hire a Downtown Manager. The plan also recommends to hire a new set of consultants to review the Downtown. Any suggestions made by this Commission are advisory only per our Ordinance. Since we are advisory only, we are unable to have a "Certified Local Government Program". If we did, we could apply for grants to aid in hiring the consultants for studies. Mr. Jensen asked wouldn't the funds be an incentive for the City to revise the Ordinance. Mr. Maki said we could research that, but in the past there was resistance to making the Commission's findings mandatory rather than advisory.

Mr. Schleif asked how many municipalities have a mandatory review as part of their Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Maki said approximately 30, including Racine.

Alderman Michalski asked if there are other grants available if Kenosha isn't under the Certified Local Government Program. Mr. Maki said no. When the City rehabbed the Lighthouse Keepers House, they used funding through WisDOT, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Coastal Management.

Alderman Michalski then asked if there was any funding available for facade renovations. Mr. Maki said that funding was available through CDBG funds. The City is looking into other ways to make funding available through the Main Street Program.

Ms. Phillips said another option would be to make this a historical district, then each contributing building would be eligible. The Commission researched this in the past, but there were so many gaps with demolished and vacant buildings that the designation was not appropriate. People that are located within a historical district are not aware these funds are available. Mr. Maki said the City has provided information in the past, but the property owner must be looking for the information to find it. Mr. Maki said Staff will issue a Press Release during Historic Week in May.

Ms. Phillips made a recommendation to evaluate the buildings in the Downtown area as to their condition. Mr. Maki said currently there are no funds for that. The City is focused on applying for Main Street Program funds. Also, the Downtown Manager position is open for application. Mr. Maki said the Commission should forward this request to administration.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Schleif to recommend to City Administration that they create a group to review the Downtown area to study and determine potential uses for Key Downtown Historic Buildings.

Mr. Schleif said a good facade program is really important for the Downtown.

Ms. Phillips (regarding Racine) and Mr. Schleif (regarding Wausau) spoke of the strong presence of a Historic Preservation Commission and how it could improve the area.

The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

Public Comments

No public comments.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. Phillips said she was surprised by the removal of the Statue of Liberty for refurbishing. Discussion was held on who was doing the restoration and details of how

the restoration should be done. Mr. Maki said we were not consulted on the restoration, this went through the Parks Department. Mr. Schleif asked if the new Historic Artifact Ordinance will help to protect these pieces and the manner restorations are done in the future. Mr. Maki said yes, as long as we designate it as a historic artifact.

Mr. Jensen noted that the City and Commission was "darted" in the Kenosha News for the lack of visible progress on the Elk's Club building. Is there an update? What is the time frame? Mr. Maki said there are lots of pieces to this project and there may not be any "visible" progress made this entire year. There are some contractual items and two developers that are interested. There will be a public announcement made later this summer. Mr. Jensen said that would be good, because people want some answers.

Mr. Jensen asked about the plans for the Masonic Temple. Mr. Maki it has been purchased by a private owner to house his art collection.

Ms. Phillips said she would like to start a program to recognize people that have made substantial improvements to their building, we should recognize the good job. We should also recognize buildings 100 years old or older. Mr. Jensen added that we should have a formal certificate and a ceremony. Ms. Phillips said we previously did this at the Common Council. Staff will list the recognition program on the next Historic Preservation Commission agenda for action.

Staff Comments

Mr. Maki noted the first Historical Artifact was at Common Council on March 18th and the two from tonight will be at the April 15th meeting. The Eichelman Park Artillery piece will be on the April meeting agenda.

Mr. Maki also met with Diane Giles and an article regarding Historic Preservation will be published on April 7th. The Public will also be able to suggest nominations. Mr. Jensen asked if we should be nominating privately owned pieces. Mr Maki suggested the Commission wait to nominate these pieces. Ms. Phillips suggested we create a list of potential items. Mr. Maki will list this as a discussion item for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Schleif and seconded by Alderman Michalski to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
April 25, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jan Michalski, Sue Dyke O'Day, Don Jensen, Merike Phillips and Tom Schleif

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Jensen and roll was taken.

Mr. Maki recognized Tom Schleif and his 10 years of service to the Commission. Mr. Schleif will be moving from the Community.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2013 meeting. The motion passed (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

1. Proposed Historical Artifact Listing - Eichelman Park Artillery-M1898 7-inch Siege Howitzer at 6125 Third Avenue. (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened, no comments, public hearing closed.

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, said this artifact was suggested by the Commission.

Ms. O'Day asked how this item was acquired. Mr. Maki said Staff has worked with the Parks Department regarding this, but we are still unsure. In a book written by Carrie Cropley, there was information on this piece and another German piece of artillery. The German Howitzer was removed from the park at some point and is now missing. Ms. Phillips said it may be the piece that was lent or borrowed to Racine.

Mr. Jensen asked if Ms. Cropley referred to it in the present or past tense. Mr. Maki said there was one line about it, in past tense. This artillery was produced during the Spanish-American war, but not used at that time. Mr. Jensen asked when it was added to the park. Mr. Maki said both pieces were added in 1920.

Ms. Phillips said the research is fabulous. Mr. Maki noted that Laurie Bauman, secretary, does most of the research and he finalizes the report.

Mr. Jensen asked if they have contacted Kenosha news to search their archives for more information. Mr. Maki said no. Mr. Schleif said he would search the History Center's archives of Kenosha News for the information.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Ms. O'Day to approve the Eichelman Park Artillery as a historical artifact. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

2. Historic/Old Building Recognition Program

Ms. Phillips said she has given Mr. Maki some material on what Racine does to recognize their historic buildings and the renovations. Ms. Phillips suggested to add a nice photo to the certificate so the recipient could display it.

Mr. Jensen said there are many valuable historical photos that private citizens have and may be of interest to the City. We could ask Diane Giles at the Kenosha News to do a historical column with a common headline. They could run a photo feature on a regular basis. Mr. Jensen will further research obtaining some older photos from the relatives of a friend who had the collection.

Mr. Maki said he would work on the Certificate and include a framed photo and text. The Certificate would be presented at the second Common Council meeting in May, which would be on May 20th.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Ms. Phillips to recognize: 1) Walter Reuther Central High School; 2) Kenosha County Court House and 3) the Lighthouse Keepers House and Light House during the 2013 Historic Preservation Week. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

3. Discussion on future Historical Artifacts

Alderman Michalski suggested the mural wall at Kemper, most people don't know it exists. Ms. Phillips said Kemper is contemplating removal of the adjacent building so the wall is more visible. Mr. Jensen said he would like to make sure this is a permanent thing before it is designated. Mr. Maki said this is a mosaic, not a mural, and it is very unique. Alderman Michalski said the designation may help them to secure funding for the restoration of the mosaic. Mr. Maki said I believe the Kemper mosaic should be moved forward because it was suggested by a Citizen.

Mr. Jensen suggested the O'Neil Celtic Cross in the cemetery. This cross is very unique and I don't believe there are any survivors from the family, no objections. Alderman Michalski asked if the cemetery board has jurisdiction over the cross. Mr. Maki said we should notify the board prior to moving forward.

Ms. Phillips suggested the murals in the Reuther Auditorium. There are several murals in the Court House building. Also, there is a tapestry mural at Kemper.

Mr. Maki said Staff has already been working on the Mosaic at Kemper for the May Historic Preservation meeting. We are also looking at the Reuther items and the Court House for June and July. Mr. Maki said he will keep "Discussion on future Historical Artifacts" on future agendas.

Mr. Jensen said he also did an article on the bells in Kenosha and their history which was very interesting. Mr. Maki said we will have to be very careful as to not infringe on their rights.

Ms. Phillips asked about the light in the Lighthouse Keepers House. Mr. Schleif said no, that is a new light, not a historic one.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. Phillips said the signs, benches and garbage cans in Library Park are in poor condition and are in need of repair. We need to start recognizing these districts and promoting them. Alderman Michalski suggested to bring this to the attention of

Alderman Orth, the Chairman of the Parks Commission. Alderman Schwartz is the Alderman of the district, but Alderman Orth could possibly maintain it on a regular basis. Mr. Maki said he will also talk with Jeff Warnock, Parks Director.

Mr. Maki added that the historic signs were a joint effort between the City, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and AT&T back in the 90's. There was supposed to be money in the budget for the repairs and maintenance of the signs.

Alderman Michalski suggested we could also get funding through private contributions with donor plaques on the benches. Ms. Phillips said maybe we should have money in the budget to do the repairs on a regular basis.

Ms. O'Day asked for an update on the Elk's Club. Mr. Maki said can't disclose everything, but hoping there will be an announcement within the next month. There is a developer that is very serious.

Mr. Jensen asked for an update on possible new Commission members. Mr. Maki said Bill Siel and Rayanne Moon have both agreed to serve on the Commission and may be appointed as early as the May 6th Common Council meeting. We will have one slot remaining empty.

Staff Comments

Mr. Maki said items for the upcoming meeting include a request from the former Downtown YMCA and the Jewish Community Center in Library Park.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Mr. Schleif to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
June 4, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jan Michalski, Royanne Moon, Sue Dyke
O'Day and William Siel

EXCUSED: Merike Phillips

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Alderman Michalski and roll was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. O'Day to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2013 meeting as written. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

Alderman Michalski noted that he was filling in as the Chairman, Don Jensen who recently passed away and Vice Chairman, Merike Phillips who was unable to attend.

**1. Certificate of Appropriateness for the Jewish Community Center at 6050
Eighth Avenue in the Library Park Historic District. (Beth Hillel Temple)
(District #2) PUBLIC HEARING**

Public hearing opened.

Nevin Hedlund, 7985 Lake Street, River Forest, IL, presented an overview of the project. The Certificate of Appropriateness is for the addition of double doors to the north elevation of existing building. This project will not change the historic facade of the building. The doors are required to provide grade level access into the new elevator.

Public hearing closed.

Ms. O'Day said the proposed alteration is important for the community and looks good.

Ms. Moon said the proposed alteration keeps the integrity of the building and provides a mode of convenience.

Mr. Siel said this is a practical solution that doesn't interfere with the appearance or uniqueness of the building.

Alderman Michalski asked where the approach into the building will be located. Mr. Hedlund said it will be on the north side of the building. Mr. Hedlund said they are currently working with the Public Works Staff regarding the parking and drop off access to this approach.

A motion was made by Ms. O'Day and seconded by Ms. Moon to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

**2. Certificate of Appropriateness for the old Y.M.C.A. at 720 59th Place in the
Library Park Historic District. (The Residences at Library Park) (District
#2) PUBLIC HEARING**

Public hearing opened.

Tom O'Connell, 1612 North Sheridan Road, Waukegan, IL, representative from Partners In Design Architects, gave an overview of the project. Mr. O'Connell explained the project will be supported with Historic Tax Credits, WHEDA Tax Credits and money from a City established TIF District. Mr. O'Connell noted that all units will be "visitable" by wheel chair except for two of them. Windows will be added in the pool and gym areas to provide additional light. Mr. O'Connell further noted they are proposing that the 1974 pool addition area will be utilized for a parking structure. There will be inside parking and surface parking.

Mr. Siel asked how close the cars will be to the windows of the building? Mr. O'Connell said the cars will abut the building, but those windows will be removed.

Alderman Michalski asked if the existing windows will stay in the existing openings or will the existing windows be updated? Mr. O'Connell said many of the windows were replaced in '91 or '92. The window representative will be going through the building with the project team to assess all of the windows. There may be some windows replaced to update and make operable that previously were not operable.

Ms. O'Day asked what is the square footage of a larger apartment? Mr. O'Connell said on the Fifth Floor, there is a two-story apartment that is approximately 1,900 s.f. The entire building is about 62,000 s.f., not including the parking.

Ms. Moon asked if the upper parking area was exposed. Mr. O'Connell said yes.

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, said Staff is also asking for comments and approval on the Conceptual Plans for the parking area.

Mr. Siel said the front of the facade blocks the parking lot from view from the Library Park side.

Public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Ms. O'Day and seconded by Mr. Siel to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the building renovations. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

Mr. Maki asked for a separate vote on the parking structure.

Alderman Michalski made a recommendation to have the ramp at the east elevation designed in a way that is complimentary to the building.

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. Moon to accept the Conceptual Parking Plan as presented and recommended by Alderman Michalski. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

3. Discussion on future Historical Artifacts

Public hearing opened, no comments, public hearing closed.

Alderman Michalski suggested that the next item proposed for listing as a Historical Artifact be the O'Neil Celtic Cross at Greenridge Cemetery in honor of Don Jensen.

Mr. Maki said the cross will require more in depth research from a number of areas. Staff intended to bring the Faulkner Mosaic from the Kemper Center as the next item. Mr. Maki said in the interim, he will contact the History Center to get the Celtic Cross research started.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. O'Day said at a previous meeting we discussed follow-up research on the location of the missing Howitzer. Was this done by Tom Schleif before he resigned from the Commission? Mr. Maki said no. Ms. O'Day said she has also walked through Library Park and agrees with Ms. Phillips that we need to do something about the restoration of the park benches and trash cans in the park.

Alderman Michalski suggested Staff contact the Parks Commission for assistance in the restoration. Mr. Maki said that with Library Park, there was a Master Plan created that may provide direction. It was suggested that Staff invite Jeff Warnock, Parks Superintendent, and/or Alderman Orth, Chairman of the Parks Commission, to our next meeting to discuss this issue.

Ms. O'Day asked if there is any announcement regarding the old Elk's Club building. Mr. Maki said no, not at this time.

Mr. Siel asked if there were any other points of interest in the cemeteries that has been nominated for the list. Mr. Maki said no, just items 1 - 4 on this list. Staff is looking into the notification procedures of any items being nominated from a cemetery or church.

Staff Comments

Mr. Maki and Alderman Michalski welcomed the new Commission members.

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. O'Day to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
June 27, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Merike Phillips, Alderman Jan Michalski, Royanne Moon, and William Siel

EXCUSED: Sue Dyke O'Day

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki

Other present included: Frank Pacetti, City Administrator and Alderman Chris Schwartz

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Ms. Phillips and roll was taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Michalski and seconded by Mr. Siel to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 meeting. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

1. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Public hearing opened.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Siel to nominate Alderman Michalski as the Chairman. Alderman Michalski agreed to the nomination to complete the term of Don Jensen. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

Public hearing closed.

Ms. Phillips kept the position of Vice-Chairman, so an election of Vice-Chairperson was not necessary.

2. Proposed Historical Artifact Listing - Faulkner Mosaic at 6501 Third Avenue. (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Alderman Chris Schwartz, 402 56th Street, said she is very happy this mosaic was being nominated for a historical artifact.

Public hearing closed.

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, said this piece was a suggestion by the public. Staff did the research with some assistance of Kemper Center.

Ms. Phillips said she is on the Kemper Center Building and Grounds Committee and they are researching on how to care for and restore mosaic.

Alderman Michalski agrees this mosaic should be listed as a historical artifact. Since this wall is somewhat protected by the elements, there is not a big urgency to complete any restoration. Hopefully listing as a Historical Artifact will increase the awareness of this mosaic.

Mr. Siel said he enjoyed reading the history of the project and the process of how this mosaic was constructed. Mr. Siel suggested a plaque or write-up of this history be posted near the mosaic.

Ms. Moon said she is a Kemper volunteer and it would help if all volunteers were educated with this information. She agrees with Mr. Siel on the plaque or possible a brochure should be given out relating to the mosaic.

Alderman Michalski thanked Mr. Maki and Staff for the work done on the research and suggested they work with the Kemper Center to get them the information.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Siel to nominate the Faulkner Mosaic as a Historical Artifact. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

3. Discussion on Statue of Liberty in Civic Center Park at 900 57th Street. (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Frank Pacetti, City Administrator, 625 52nd Street, said they have taken Lady Liberty from the Civic Center Park to research the the cost of restoration. They have designated \$20,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and are hoping to do the restoration for close to that amount. Mr. Pacetti said when they removed the statue, they realized it s made of a copper sheeting, not bronze, and it is "paper thin". The Boy Scouts donated the statue to the City many years ago. Bruce Bosman of Bosman Monuments has documented the necessary repairs. Mr. Bosman suggested that after restoration the statue should be kept inside to prevent further deterioration. Mr. Pacetti is suggesting to fully restore the statue, but then keep it indoors rather than returning ti to Civic Park. The Public Museum or the Civil War Museum are located that are being considered for the statue.

Alderman Schwartz said when the statue was removed from the Civic Center, she received calls from concerned constituents about the statue. When the topic of restoration and the location of the statue was brought forward, Alderman Schwartz contacted these people to get their opinion. The general consensus is to have the statue restored and placed in a protected spot.

Public hearing closed.

Mr. Maki said the Statue of Liberty is designated as a historic structure within the Civic Center Historic District, but the Ordinance defines a historic structure as a building. This statue was mistakenly nominated as a historic structure. It could be nominated as a Historical Artifact and be protected that way. At this time the Commission really has no jurisdiction on a structure until it is a Historical Artifact.

Alderman Michalski said that his recent experience is that the term "structure" is ambiguous enough that it could be a sign, a fence or a flagpole.

Mr. Siel said he likes the idea of keeping the statue inside rather than losing it to more deterioration. In the museum more people may get a chance to see it and storing it doesn't accomplish anything.

Ms. Phillips said she doesn't understand because 20 gauge copper is a durable material

and the patina protects the copper. I don't understand why it is thin and fragile. Mr. Pacetti said when he tried to lift the statue for removal, an area was "crushed" because of the weakness. Ms. Phillips said it is noted there are dents, what are they from? Mr. Pacetti said the entire crown is missing, we thought possibly when they got heavy from ice or snow they could have broke off and fell onto the statue. Mr. Pacetti said they are not sure if the material is 100% copper or only part copper. Ms. Phillips asked if the restoration would keep the patina. Mr. Pacetti said there is not much patina, may be due to small amount of copper in the sheeting.

Mr. Siel asked if some of the color came from when the statue was spray painted by vandals, could that have affected the copper?

Ms. Phillips said she likes having the statue kept indoors, but hates to lose the patina in the restoration process. Mr. Pacetti said he will go with the recommendation of the professional.

Mr. Maki said part of the problem is that we are located between two major cities, Chicago and Milwaukee, and there is a lot of acid rain. Mr. Maki added that Mr. Bosman is suggesting to paint the entire statue to hide weld joints that were done improperly.

Ms. Moon said she is unable to address any suggestions to the metal, but is hoping to have the finished statue look authentic rather than like a new structure. Ms. Moon also suggested to have a plaque or information on the structure placed at the structure so people can relate and enjoy that information.

Ms. Phillips said it is important to investigate how to preserve the patina. Artists can touch up some of the seams. It is important to keep the statue looking authentic. Ms. Phillips suggested we don't rush into the restoration, but go easy and find a solution.

Alderman Michalski said we are suggesting to get more information on what process is available for restoration. The Liberty statue leaving Civic Center Park creates an opportunity for another sculpture to be located there. Maybe an organization would like to do a fund raiser to purchase a new statue for that site, maybe George Washington.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Siel to Receive and File the information on the restoration. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Siel to explore other options for the restoration.

Mr. Pacetti said we have explored other options, but were advised this restoration was the best way to go forward. This metal does not behave or respond like true 100% copper, so it cannot be restored that way.

Ms. Phillips said I don't see the point in making this statue look new.

Mr. Siel said you don't have to carry out an extravagant search, but review the options. Mr. Pacetti said they will do more exploration, then make a decision and move forward.

The motion to explore other options passed. (Ayes 3; Noes 1) *Alderman Michalski voted no*

Mr. Siel asked what is the timeline for the restoration.

Mr. Pacetti said he will forward these comments to Mr. Bosman and he will let us know if there are any other options. Then we will take the advice of the expert.

Ms. Phillips asked if they could get photos of the statue. Mr. Pacetti said Mr. Bosman has some photos.

Ms. Phillips asked how can we protect these structures that are not buildings. Mr. Maki said if they are not buildings, they are not protected by the Ordinance. Mr. Maki said he will work with Legal to create an Amendment for Chapter 15 to amend this language.

4. Discussion on Historical Artifacts. PUBLIC HEARING

Alderman Michalski asked the status of the Celtic Cross, which was previously suggested. Mr. Maki said he has some information from the History Center and he may have it ready for the July meeting. Mr. Maki still needs to work with Legal and the Green Ridge Cemetery Board regarding permissions and authority.

Mr. Siel said Bruce Bosman is familiar with this cross and when it was installed at the cemetery.

Ms. Phillips asked if the miniature Statue of Liberty should be listed as a Historical Artifact. Mr. Maki yes, after the restoration and when we have a final location, we should nominate it.

Ms. Phillips said she saw a cannon in the park on Washington Avenue in Racine that looks like the cannon we are missing from Eichelman Park. Can you contact someone at Racine to see if they borrowed it from us?

Ms. Phillips also suggested the Faulkner Mural information be sent to Kenosha News and they could possibly do a picture to complete the story.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Commissioner Comments

No Commissioner comments.

Staff Comments

Mr. Maki said there is a possibility the Southport Beach House renovations will be ready for the July meeting. Mr. Maki noted that three awards were given out at the May Common Council meeting and we will continue to do this.

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 4; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Kay Schueffner, Community Development & Inspections

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
August 29, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jan Michalski, Merike Phillips, Royanne Moon,
Sue Dyke O'Day and William Siel

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki

Other present included: Alderperson Chris Schwartz

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Alderman Michalski and roll was taken.

Ms. Phillips noted that on page #3, the fifth full paragraph, second sentence should say touch, not tough. A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Siel to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2013 meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

1. Certificate of Appropriateness for Old YMCA at 720 59th Place. (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Chris Schwartz, 402 56th Street, alderman of the district supports the antenna installation.

Public hearing closed.

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, said that four (4) antennas were approved in 2004 and only three (3) were installed. The Certificate of Appropriateness is brought back for approval because the Certificate approval only lasts 3 years.

A motion was made by Ms. O'Day and seconded by Ms. Moon to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

2. Proposed Historical Artifact Listing - Faulkner Mosaic at 6501 Third Avenue. (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Alderman Schwartz supports the Historic listing.

Public hearing closed.

Mr. Maki said the Faulkner Mosaic was previously approved at the June 27, 2013 meeting, but Staff had neglected to notify the Kemper Center and Kenosha County, the owners of the property. Therefore, the item is back for proper approval. Mr. Maki said that he received a request from Kenosha County to defer this item until the next Historic Preservation meeting. The deferral will allow more time for the County to review the restrictions. Mr. Maki reminded the Commission that if the property owner does not want the item designated, the Common Council cannot designate it as a Historical Artifact.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. O'Day to defer the Faulkner Mosaic until the next meeting. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

3. Proposed Historical Artifact Listing - Mathew O'Neil Celtic Cross at 6604 7th Avenue. (District #3) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Alderman Michalski said the former Historic Preservation Chairman, Don Jensen, really wanted to see this items designated as a Historical Artifact. Alderman Michalski supports the designation.

Public hearing closed.

Mr. Maki said that Green Ridge Cemetery was notified and they have not objected.

Ms. O'Day and Ms. Phillips complimented Staff on the artifact information.

A motion was made by Ms. O'Day and seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the Celtic Cross as a historical artifact. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

Public Comments

No public comments.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. Phillips asked for an update on the Elks Club and the Liberty Statue. Mr. Maki said there is no public information on the Elks Club at this time. Regarding the Liberty Statue, Mr. Maki contacted Mr. Pacetti, but he did not receive any information. Ms. Phillips asked about the status of the missing cannon location. Mr. Maki said he was unable to look into this prior to this meeting.

Staff Comments

Mr. Maki said the by next meeting we may have another new member.

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. Phillips to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 5; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Kay Schueffner, Community Development & Inspections

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
September 26, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jan Michalski, Merike Phillips, Peter Shaw Johnson, Royanne Moon, Sue Dyke O'Day, William Siel

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Alderman Michalski and roll was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 6; Noes 0)

1. Proposed Historical Artifact Listing - Faulkner Mosaic at 6501 Third Avenue. (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

John Moyer, Kenosha County Corporation Counsel, 912 56th Street, represented the County, owner of the Kemper Building. Mr. Moyer said the County object to the designation because of the limitations that would be attached to the mosaic.

Don Gillespie, 2023 73rd Street, President of Kemper Board said they appreciate the designation, but they concur with the County and also oppose the designation.

Public hearing closed.

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, said the owner has the right to object to the designation. Because of the objection, the Common Council will not be able to place the Faulkner Mosaic on the List of Historical Artifacts. Mr. Maki said he would send a memo to the members of the Common Council.

Ms. Phillips said she is on the Buildings and Grounds Committee for Kemper and knows they will preserve the mural.

A motion was made by Ms. O'Day and seconded by Ms. Phillips to Receive and File the proposal for the Faulkner Mosaic. The motion passed. (Ayes 6; Noes 0)

2. Discussion on Historical Artifacts

Mr. Maki said the next item we are working on for Historical Artifact designation are the murals and the County Courthouse and we can anticipate the same response from the County. Mr. Maki will discuss the proposed designations before they come to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Alderman Michalski asked if the proposed murals should be discussed with the Corp Counsel or with the County Executive? Mr. Maki suggested with Mr. Moyer of the Corp Counsel, since he reviewed this item.

Alderman Michalski asked about the murals in Reuther, would you contact the Kenosha Unified? Mr. Maki said yes, I will contact them as well.

Ms. Phillips said these items are important and we should proceed. Mr. Maki said we will proceed and contact the owners.

Mr. Siel asked if the owner objects, they get to speak for everyone else that may want the designation. Mr. Maki said yes, the Common Council cannot approve a historic architect with an owner's objection.

The Commissioners agreed that the research and the public hearing at a Historic Preservation meeting are still a record and will show the importance of the item and give the item credibility.

Mr. Siel asked if the County Courthouse is currently a historical landmark? Mr. Maki said yes, it is a Local, State and National designated landmark.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. Phillips asked for:

- an update on the Elks Club - Mr. Maki said there is nothing to report yet;
- an update on the Liberty Statue - Mr. Maki said he discussed this with Mr. Pacetti - they will try to get Mr. Bosman to the next meeting to explain;
- an update to the possible Kenosha cannon in Racine - Mr. Maki has not had time to pursue this matter.

Alderman Michalski asked with the Southport Beach House would be on the agenda. Mr. Maki said possibly next month they would look for approval on the doors. Ms. Phillips asked if the City has the original drawings? Mr. Maki said yes, the original doors were wood, but Parks Department has concerns with wood doors.

Ms. Phillips said she has asked about work on the signs, benches and trash cans that is needed in Library Park. Mr. Maki said he has shared this information with Alderperson Schwartz and the Parks Department. They are reviewing the Park Plan. Mr. Maki said there are historic district signs in Eichelman Park, Civic Center Park and Library Park.

Mr. Johnson said he appreciates the appointment to the Commission. Mr. Johnson mentioned the upcoming History Walk and Lantern Tours.

Staff Comments

No Staff comments.

A motion was made by Ms. O'Day and seconded by Mr. Siel to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 6; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Kay Schueffner, Community Development & Inspections

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
October 17, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jan Michalski, Merike Phillips, Sue Dyke O'Day and William Siel

EXCUSED: Peter Shaw Johnson and Royanne Moon

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki and Jeff Labahn

Other present included: Alderperson Chris Schwartz

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Alderman Michalski and roll was taken.

1. Resolution by the Mayor - To Approve the Route of the Streetcar System Expansion and to Commence Project Design and Engineering (District #2)

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, said this meeting is to review the route of the streetcar through the Library Park Historic District only. This item was deferred at the October 7, 2013 Common Council meeting and referred to this Commission for review. Mr. Maki further explained that a Certificate of Appropriateness will be brought forward for review at a future date, once the route has been determined. This item will be back on the Common Council on October 21, 2013 for a vote on the Resolution.

Ron Iwen, Transit Director, gave an overview of the project, noting the following: the City has obtained federal funding that covers 80% of the project cost; the streetcar will not take up parking spaces; the poles are 100 feet apart and some will be existing poles; and the streetcars previously ran in this area in 1902.

Alderman Michalski opened the meeting to public comments.

Kathy Brand, 6108 5th Avenue, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Ms. Brand is concerned with the wires and poles that will distract from the beauty in Library Park. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

John Doyle, 4049 Ellington Avenue, Western Springs, IL, supports the proposed route. Mr. Doyle wrote a book regarding information the the Kenosha streetcar system.

Jane Maki, 10812 80th Street, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Ms. Maki is concerned with the bike races that are held in the park, suggests this project be studied more and then put to a referendum. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Carol Schweinfurth, 6028 8th Avenue, of the Women's Club, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Ms. Schweinfurth is concerned with the serenity, poles & wires and traffic. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Jeff High, 305 54th Street, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Mr. High suggests the route go to the uptown area. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Kathy Grissom, 6005 5th Avenue, is opposed to the route going through Library Park.

Ms. Grissom suggests the route go toward Union Park. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Steve Schwimmer, 6027 7th Avenue, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Mr. Schwimmer said the bike races bring 20,000 in one day, this would be eliminated. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Michel Brey, 4720 83rd Place, Pleasant Prairie, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Therese Wazorick, 326 55th Street, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Ms. Wazorick has concerns on the screeching noise the streetcar makes. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Tom Noer, 6117 5th Avenue, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Adrienne Jaquith, 410A 55th Street, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Ms. Jaquith suggests the route go toward Carthage College and the activities there. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Kurt Wicklund, 6913 27th Avenue, suggested the route go toward Carthage College and/or the uptown area. The streetcar could be used as the "downtown circulator" and people could use it to tour the City.

Lou Rugani, 4526 29th Avenue, supports the streetcar route and expansion of the system.

Robert Favorite, 5021 20th Avenue, said the information on the proposed route has been available for months.

Rosemarie Demichele, 318 57th Street, ask if the trolleys have to have the wires and cables.

Mary Dixon, 6201 5th Avenue, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Ms. Dixon is concerned with the affect of the streetcar on the funeral home and Armitage School.

Michael Brey asked why this is in front of Historic Preservation now, why not before?

John Billotti, 8546 36th Avenue, said he has called Alderman Rosenberg to ask him about the costs of the trolley barn, the electricity and usage of the streetcar and how much the taxpayers are spending.

Ken Hebior, 4628 5th Avenue, is opposed to the route going through Library Park. Mr. Hebior also opposes it going to Carthage and spoiling the lakefront view. Supports the streetcar, but not in Library Park.

Joel Blonshine, 4446 Harrison Road, supports the route. Mr. Blonshine said there is plenty of room, the view of the poles is "hogwash", we should bring back some nostalgia and this would promote tourism to go around Library park.

Ed Skinner, 316 60th Street, is opposed to the route going through Library Park.

Mary Brabender Hughes, 2537 Lincoln Road, is opposed to the route going through

Library Park. There are other places we could put the street car.

Bill Jordan, 6235 7th Avenue, said the people will use the trolley, but has questions. Can the City do anything to improve the aesthetics? Possibly get historic light poles in this area? Can the noise the streetcar be quieted?

Doug Williams, 2602 23rd Avenue, said the streetcar is a step to bringing business back to the downtown.

Paul McDonough, President of the Business Improvement District supports the route and said it is laid out in the Downtown Plan. Mr. McDonough said it is important to include Library Park and show it off.

Public hearing closed.

Mr. Iwen addressed some of the questions that were asked:

- Emergency vehicles - the streetcar will not block access to the homes for emergency vehicles.
- Road Improvements - there will be some road improvements where the tracks are installed.
- Costs of the streetcar - this will not be a 80/20 split on cost with a Federal Grant.
- Streetcar noise - the mechanic has addressed this problem and they are continuously doing repairs to the wheels as well.
- Previous reviews - this item did not come before the Historic Preservation Commission before because it was only in the planning stages; there was nothing to discuss.

Alderman Michalski asked how snow removal would be handled, after a heavy snowfall and the streets narrow. Mr. Iwen said they will bring equipment in to remove the snow rather than pushing it to the side.

Alderman Michalski asked about the congestion with the school and funeral home in the area. Mr. Iwen said the streetcar will wait or move slowly just like any other service vehicle.

Alderman Michalski asked if we can ensure homeowners that no street corners will be "cut back" or rounded and property lost. Mr. Iwen said that would be finalized by the engineering people.

Mr. Maki reminded everyone that the construction of public improvements, pole location, track location and aesthetic affects are preliminary at this point. We are here to discuss the route only. We cannot act on a Certificate of Appropriateness without all of the information.

Ms. Phillips informed everyone that she has checked with the City Attorney and confirmed that she is eligible to comment and vote on this item, even though she is a resident of Library Park. Ms. Phillips is opposed to the route going through Library Park. She supports revitalizing the Downtown area, but wants to maintain the quietness of Library Park. The traffic and bike safety should be considered.

Mr. Siel said he has concerns with the route going through Library Park. There are no engineering schematic to review and this will have a detrimental affect. Mr. Siel opposes the route going through Library Park.

Sue O'Day concurs with other Commission members. We must preserve the integrity and not deface it. Ms. O'Day opposes the streetcar route going through Library Park.

Alderman Michalski said it is the consensus to expand the streetcar route, but we can help the Downtown area just as effectively if we move it slightly north and not through Library Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. O'Day to Inform the Common Council that Library Park be left off of the proposed expansion. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Staff Comments

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 4; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Kay Schueffner, Community Development & Inspections

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
October 31, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jan Michalski, Merike Phillips,, Royanne Moon, and William Siel

EXCUSED: Peter Shaw Johnson, Sue Dyke O'Day

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Alderman Michalski and roll was taken.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Moon to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2013 and October 17, 2013 meeting's as written. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

1. Proposed Historic Artifact – Kenosha County Courthouse Murals at 912 56th Street. (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing opened.

John Moyer, Kenosha County Corporation Counsel, 912 56th Street, represented the County. Mr. Moyer handed out a letter drafted by Robert Riedl, Personnel in regards to why they are objecting to the designation. Mr. Moyer said although the County sees the values of the murals the County objected to designation because of the limitations that would be attached to the murals.

Public hearing closed.

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, said it was our recommendation to proceed with the designation of the historical artifact.. Mr. Maki will let the Common Council know of the objection.

Ms. Phillips said this is the second time this has happened and council can't vote on it. Is the County looking at it wrong? Ms. Phillips said she wonders if we can delay for discussion on this and feels the county has the wrong interpretation.

Mr. Moyer said he feels the murals would be required to get permission to do any work from the Commission and maybe they are mis interpreting the ordinance.

Mr. Maki went over again about the work on the murals and the ordinance. Mr. Maki will meet with the City Attorney's office and will arrange a meeting between the City and County to discuss the constraints of designation.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Moon to defer. The motion passed. (Ayes4; Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Moon to reopen to a Public hearing.

Margaret Heller, 217 69th St, said cleaning of the murals need to be done by qualified contractors.

Public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Moon to defer. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

Ms. Moon noted the meeting between the County and City will be instructive.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness for Rhode Theater at 514 56th Street (Rhode Opera House). (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Marc Greco, 610 42nd Street, Treasurer of the Building Committee, provided a summary of the proposed window replacement. Mr. Greco said he went to the City regarding getting a permit for the replacement windows and he was told a permit was not needed. Mr. Greco noted that the cost is high to replace windows. Mr. Greco noted the current heat bill is around \$3,000 a month and they want to save money through the energy efficiency of the proposed windows.

Cy Zielinski, 5535 19th Avenue, said he has been involved with the Rhode Theater since 2007 and he put in a HVAC system and was very detailed on how he preserved the building. Mr. Zielinski knows there is a difference between the old and new windows but he thinks people will like it once they are in. Mr. Zielinski noted the cost savings would be 1/3 of the cost and his main reason is to preserve the building.

Ray Forgianni, 8731 45 Avenue, said he has viewed the old and new windows and sees the building when they have Harbor Market there. Mr. Forgianni went over the history of the Rhode Theater and noted the building has trouble. A new roof costing \$60,000 was put in, they have a drainage problem and in the front there is heat loss with the broken windows, but the inside is beautiful. Mr. Forgianni said they plan on making more improvements with the rugs, tile and carpet. Mr. Forgianni thinks these windows are close enough and gave reference to the KUSD replacement windows which were done. Mr. Forgianni recommends the Commission approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mike Foster, 7306 5th Avenue, had questions on the colors the windows come in. Mr. Greco noted all the windows have already been purchased.

Philip Petrowski, 6829 23rd Avenue, enjoys doing restoration and owns six older houses. Mr. Petrowski will do his best to replicate the existing windows and feels the new windows are a good pick; the old windows are bad and cracked.

Judy Rossow, 5036 6th Avenue, said this group has done a great job on keeping the Rhode Theater going. Ms. Rossow noted that the energy bill is about \$25,000 to \$35,000 a year and this window will stop heat loss and give more light to the lobby and is a major piece of the downtown area.

Alderman Michalski received a call from Chris Schwartz, Alderperson of the 2nd District, and that she is in support of the Lakeside Players and the windows.

Public hearing closed.

Mr. Maki gave the background of his report and provided an overview of the Ordinance requirements and the Secretary of Interior's Standards for review of Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Maki suggested painting the frames to dull the shiny appearance of them. Mr. Maki went over the pictures of the windows and how they were constructed (widths difference between old and new). Mr. Maki said the spirit of the existing windows is present in the new windows but there are significant differences.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Moon to reopen the Public hearing.

Mr. Zielinski said you cannot go upstairs and the window difference would not be noticeable.

Mr. Forgianni said you cannot see the windows in front from the interior.

Mr. Foster said these new windows are more energy efficient.

Public hearing closed.

Ms. Moon said what Mr. Maki had explained was very informative and echo's his comments. Ms. Moon just returned from Springfield, IL in which she visited the capital and how they replaced the windows and the difference between the old and the new windows. Ms. Moon is not sure which way she will vote.

William Siel thinks the spirit is good and accurate and the original look enhances the building and the light. Mr. Siel stated that they are uniform with the current doors. Mr. Siel is in favor.

Ms. Phillips is in a dilemma and stated they did a fabulous job on the Rhode Theater. Ms. Phillips said it bothers her about the City saying no permit is needed and they went and purchased the windows and now the Rhode is trying to get them approved. Ms. Phillips had a question if they could apply something to the windows to achieve a three dimensional look.

Mr. Maki informed the Commission that a permit is not required for window replacement, unless the opening size is altered..

Ms. Phillips asked how much was spent so far? Mr. Greco noted about \$6,400 for the windows and will cost \$6,000 to install. It would be \$3,300 additional to paint the windows.

Alderman Michalski noted that he used to be part of the Rhode Theater but he feels, . this is not a conflict of interest. Alderman Michalski can't get past that the Rhode has already purchased all the windows prior to the review. Alderman Michalski said the Rhode is volunteer driven and fundraises a lot of money, some has been donated for the windows. The new windows are more efficient and they look similar. Alderman Michalski noted in the future don't purchase items before you consult the staff first. Alderman Michalski recommends to approve.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Moon to approve. The motion passed. (Ayes 4; Noes 0)

3. Discussion on Demolition by Neglect Ordinance

Public hearing opened.

Susan Andrea Schlenker, 505 73rd Street, said there is no money for the Beach House and she read over the Lakota's findings. Ms. Andrea Schlenker feels historic buildings are important and recommends Item #3 does get added to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Nothing has been done for the beach house and no money has been allocated for this year. In regards to Item #4 she also recommends that the City pursue the designation.

Margaret Heller, 217 69th Street, noted the deferred renovation at the Southport Beach House.

Public hearing closed.

Mr. Maki summarized the Demolition by Neglect provision.

Alderman Michalski asked how would this affect a piece of public property? Mr. Maki does not know but he could contact the state Historical Preservation Office. Alderman Michalski requested Mr. Maki to contact the State to see if public property has ever been included.

Ms. Phillips believes that the City has to notify the State concerning actions on City owned properties on the State and the National Registry.

Mr. Maki said the Beach House is on the State and National Register.

Ms. Phillips said state law Section 66 requires notification and the City needs to set examples for historic preservation.

Ms. Andrea Schlenker noted that it is not just the Beach House regarding demolition by neglect.

Ms. Phillips went over wording on Item #3 and it should include private and public owned buildings.

Mr. Siel was in favor in adopting new language in the ordinance concerning demolition by neglect..

Alderman Michalski will work with staff to draft inclusion of this item in the historic preservation ordinance.

4. Discussion on Certified Local Government (CLG) Designation

Public hearing opened.

Ms. Andrea Schlenker read over the Lakota findings and said the CLG status will help the City.

Mr. Maki said CLG status has been explored many many times and the City is unable to apply. The City meets all Federal requirements but we do not meet all of the State of Wisconsin requirements. Number 6 is a sticking point in this and Mr. Maki went over the advisory issue of the ordinance and why we can't be certified.

Alderman Michalski said to get a stronger ordinance through would be very difficult.

Mr. Forgianni said there is resistance from property owners when the ordinance was first adopted.

Alderman Michalski said he believes this item is a non starter.

Ms. Phillips said she has served on this committee and it is a difficult job, there are many restrictions and very few benefits.

Ms. Moon thanked staff on the information provided; it was very informative.

Ms. Moon said it was a matter of education to the public and they need to be kept informed.

Mr. Maki said Wisconsin has a disadvantage concerning incentives for preservation of historic buildings.

Public Comments

Mr. Forgianni said he encourages that we should look into putting any of Bob Kueny's buildings on the register.

Ms. Andrea Schlenker said informed the Commission of the 60th Street Association and their plans to preserve the historic 60th street area.

Ms. Heller said at the street car meeting this committee held weight and asks this committee for their support for the Beach House. She would like to know what happened to the \$280,000 of proposed money for the Beach House? The dog park was not recommended, the windows at the Beach House are bad and renovations need to be done.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. Phillips agrees that the Commission should assist on the Beach House.

Ms. Moon is also in favor of this.

Ms. Phillips requested that historical signs in Library Park be placed on the next agenda.

Staff Comments

Mr. Maki provided the 2014 meeting calendar and requested a Commissioners to schedule these dates on their calendars. Mr. Maki noted there is a special meeting on Thursday, November 14th at 5:00pm regarding the Statue of Liberty.

Mr. Maki noted that there is no scheduled meeting in December. Mr. Maki also offered training to the Commissioners in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 4; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Laurie Bauman, Community Development & Inspections

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
November 14, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jan Michalski, Merike Phillips, Royanne Moon, Sue Dyke O'Day and William Siel

EXCUSED: Peter Shaw Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Maki

Other present included: Jeff Warnock, Superintendent of Parks

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Alderman Michalski and roll was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2013 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

1. Proposed Historic Artifact – Kenosha County Courthouse Murals at 912 56th Street. (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

John Moyer, Kenosha County Corporation Counsel, 912 56th Street, represented the County. Mr. Moyer noted that he attended a meeting on Monday, November 11th with Alderman Michalski, the city attorney and Mike Maki on discussion of the ordinance. Mr. Moyer said he went back to the County with the information from the meeting and they continue to object to the designation.

Public hearing closed.

Mike Maki, Community Development Specialist, said that he did hold a meeting on Monday, November 11th and noted with the continued objection from the County the Common Council would not be able to place on the agenda and can not take action.

A motion was made to receive and file by Ms. Dyke O'Day and seconded by Mr. Siel. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

Ms. Phillips said she was disappointed in the county and asked if we could recommend the county to put some kind of protection in place internally so the murals cannot be removed or painted over.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips to have protection recommending that the County through an internal agreement that the historic murals do not get lost and was seconded by Ms. Dyke O'Day.

Public hearing opened.

Mr. Moyer said he knows the murals are valuable and that the county has no intention of losing them. Mr. Moyer asked to receive something in writing on the recommendations commission on recommendations.

Public hearing closed.

Mr. Siel said it was also disappointing that the county objects to the designation. Mr. Siel would like a list created on what artifacts were listed and those that have been objected by the owner.

Mr. Maki noted the commission has two different ordinances and that there is clear distinction between both. Mr. Maki said for one ordinance the commission is advisory, and the second ordinance regarding artifacts are binding in nature.

The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Dyke O'Day to maintain a public list of nominated and objected artifacts that have come before the commission. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

2. Discussion of Miniature Statue of Liberty. (District #2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Jeff Warnock, Superintendent of Parks, said the park's budget had funds to have the statue restored and have the points of the crown replaced. Mr. Warnock contacted Bruce Bosman of Bosman Monuments to proceed with the restoration.

Bruce Bosman, Bosman Monuments 650 39th Avenue, said he has had the statue of Liberty for about a year now and he has talked to a company in Milwaukee about the casting. Mr. Bosman noted that the statue is made out of copper not bronze and it has a great history, it is 63 years old and was donated from the boy scouts in 1950. Mr. Bosman noted only 300 were made and the cost at the time was around \$300. Mr. Bosman said the Boy Scouts also have an interest on where she will end up. The statue is very light weight and Vanguard Bronze did not know how to fix her. The statue needs a lot of work, she has lost all her crown points and the cost to repair her could be about \$60,000. The monument was brought to this meeting tonight so all of you could look at her. You would have to take her apart and put her together again and find a way to hide the seams. Mr. Bosman recommended to restore her by a local body shop with bondo, and find a place indoors to protect her in the future.

Mr. Siel said it will be hard to replace what is missing but keep the color (Patina), could they paint to cover the seems.

Mr. Bosman said yes they could paint to cover the seems and that they would do their best to keep it to the color.

Mr. Warnock noted he understands it is fragile and we could leave it as is and place her in the museum. We have the money to restore her but it will change her look. He suggested we could just replace the crown points.

Mr. Siel said that only putting the points on her and not doing a complete restoration does not bother him.

Public hearing closed.

Alderman Michalski asked if she is kept indoors do we anticipate any more deterioration. Mr. Bosman answered no.

Ms. Dyke O'Day noted we should leave her as is.

Alderman Michalski noted he would like to see the crown repaired. He also noted that the current outside pedestal is now vacant outside and that he does not see a problem with putting something there such as a sculpture on a temporary basis. Alderman Michalski has no objection for the statue to go to the museum.

Ms. Phillips said she has a book from New York on the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and we should take the museum approach and leave our statue as is. Ms. Phillips showed a picture of the New York Statue of Liberty. Ms Phillips recommends the statue be placed at the museum and on a nicely done base with the same look. She would not like it just placed on the floor.

Alderman Michalski recommends to not restore the statue but to replace the crown points.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips to only restore the crown points with no further restoration and seconded by Ms. Moon. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

Mr. Maki added that he got interpretation from the city attorney on the ordinance concerning reviews of monuments and statues. Mr. Maki went over section 15.10 of the zoning ordinance with the commission.

3. Project update on the old YMCA – Residences of Library Park update. (District #2)

Public hearing opened.

Tom O'Connell, 1612 North Sheridan Road, Waukegan, IL, representative from Partners In Design Architects and Dave Nankin, 2008 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL spoke on the item. Mr. Nankin noted that he appeared here last May or June to present the builders plans. Mr. Nankin said he has been dealing with construction costs and requirements of the State and Federal National Park Service. He showed the proposal of the property and adding of windows to keep with the original style. The National Park Service wants them to make sure they keep the small gymnasium. They redesigned 45 units and plan to make the gymnasium into a possible media room or work out room. Mr. Nankin noted they will also include surface parking and open windows that were blocked. Mr. O'Connell said they met with the Wisconsin Historical Society on the State level and the Federal Park Service and were told DO NOT falsify history. The new windows should look different then the old windows. When you look at the building you should be able to see a difference. Mr. O'Connell went over the plans he brought – on the east side of the building concrete blocked windows, they will allow him to put in old looking windows. However, in areas of the building that have currently had windows they were told to not include muntins. Mr. O'Connell also talked about having four piers of limestone and iron fencing to help screen the paved parking lot.

Public hearing closed.

Mr. Maki noted the way he looks at buildings, the additions should be replicated old and new. Mr. Maki asked about what does the Federal want? Mr. Nankin said to keep interior touch points.

Mr. Maki asked is there anyway to preclude them to look similar the old and new. Mr. O'Connell stated that Federal told them not to falsify history and wants the new look to be different. Mr. Nankin said they have five years to be in compliance and could change the windows after that time.

Mr. Maki noted that the next meeting is in January, 2014 and that this meeting is just a discussion. We can't vote on a Certificate of Appropriateness at this meeting.

Ms. Phillips noted they did an excellent job working on this and asked if they could do anything to change the depth of Mullions. Mr. O'Connell said they have to be different – completely different.

Ms. Phillips said she would like to see something done to hide the facade of the back of the adjacent building because it would be highly visible; could they save the front facade or the Kueny addition to help screen the parking? Mr. O'Connell noted that the budget is tight right now and each unit is at a high cost.

Mr. Maki asked about if there is any access from 59th place for the parking lot. Mr. O'Connell said no. Mr. Maki noted that instead of an iron fence, maybe they could do a limestone wall which would screen the parking lot better..

Mr. Nankin asked if they could get feedback on what they presented tonight.

Alderman Michalski said he sees their hands are tied with Federal and State requirements.

Mr. Maki questioned the black spandrels – is there something other than black? Mr. Nankin responded that there are other options.

A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Siel and seconded by Ms. Phillips. The motion passed. (Ayes 5; Noes 0)

4. Discussion on the Library Park Signage. (District #2)

Ms. Phillips asked this item to be put on the agenda. She noted that there are four little signs and that other historic districts have nicer signs. Ms. Phillips would like nice bronze signs that say “Historic District “ and would like street signs to let people know about the area.

Ms. Phillips said all historic areas should have this done and this should be put into the CIP if needed.

Alderman Michalski said that the historic district includes parks and that the Parks Department needs to be involved in the decision and the parks Commission. He also asked would street signs be with Public Works?

Mr. Maki responded yes, Public Works would be invoiced. He said this would probably require custom design and additional cost. We would have to talk to Public Works.

Alderman Michalski noted that the 60th Street group would also like signs.

Public Comments

NONE

Commissioner Comments

NONE

Staff Comments

Mr. Maki said this is the last meeting for 2013 . The next meeting is set for January 30, 2014.

A motion was made by Ms. Dyke O'day and seconded by Mr. Siel to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 5; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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