



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Agenda**

**Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 5:00 pm
Municipal Building
625 52nd Street - Room 204 - Kenosha, WI 53140**

Aldersperson Jan Michalski - Chairman, William Siel - Vice-Chairman
Peter Shaw Johnson, Royanne Moon, Christopher Naumann, Sue Dyke O'Day and Merike Phillips

Call to Order and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2015

1. Discussion on potential historical marker to be located on the former American Brass Company Office Building site at 1420 63rd Street. (District 3) PUBLIC HEARING

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Staff Comments

Adjournment

*If you are disabled in need of assistance, please call 262.653.4030 at least 72 hours before this meeting.
Notice is hereby given that a majority of the members of the Common Council may be present at the meeting.
Although this may constitute a quorum of the Common Council, the Council will not take any action at this meeting.*

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
April 30, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderperson Jan Michalski, Peter Johnson, Royanne Moon, Christopher Naumann and Merike Phillips

EXCUSED: William Siel and Sue O'Day

STAFF PRESENT: PaPhouala Vang

Other present included: Shelley Billingsley and Jeff Warnock

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Alderperson Michalski and roll was taken.

A motion was made by Ms. Moon and seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 meeting as written. The motion passed. (Ayes 4, Noes 0, Abstain 1) *Mr. Naumann abstained, he was not at the last meeting.*

1. Certificate of Appropriateness for Residences at Library Park, 720 59th Place. (District 2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was opened.

Tom O'Connell and Peter Bissen, Partners in Design Architects, architects for the project, gave an overview of the project with current modifications.

Alderperson Michalski asked if the floor structure was strong enough to support the weight, since they were raising the floors. Mr. Bissen said they are designing the floor structure with joists. It will be lightweight, yet strong.

Ms. Phillips asked if the windows would match the existing windows they are matching. Mr. Bissen said yes, the materials will match. Mr. O'Connell added that they are following the direction of the State Historic Preservation Office. Ms. Phillips said that after looking at the floor plans, you have done an admirable job with the existing windows and it is respectful of the building.

Ms. Moon asked for the time line. Mr. O'Connell said if all paperwork moves according to plan, we could expect internal demolition by mid-June. Ms. Moon said there is a great deal of interest in this project within the community.

Alderperson Michalski said previously there were some conflicts in the requirements for the Tax Credits, are they resolved? Mr. O'Connell said they worked with WHEDA and the conflicts are worked out.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)

2. Discussion on Library Park - Park Improvements

Shelly Billingsley, Interim Public Works Director and Jeff Warnock, Superintendent of Parks were available to answer questions.

Mr. Naumann, the newest Historic Preservation member, asked for information on this project. Alderperson Michalski said the Commission is looking at what improvements, relating to trash receptacles, benches and signs, could be done in Library Park.

Pa Phouala Vang, Planner, further explained that the Commission has previously discussed signs and plans for Library Park. At the last meeting, the Commission requested that we have Staff from Public Works and Parks attend so they could answer questions and further explain. Community Development & Inspections Staff met with them earlier and they explained that the Commission will need to prioritize their needs and the funding will need to be budgeted. We need to work more on the plan than on particular items.

Alderperson Michalski said there was a previous plan, is there any money in the current budget designated for Library Park? Mr. Warnock said not at this time. Our first step should be to take an inventory of the trees and determine what items are needed for landscaping. Ms. Billingsley further explained that the money in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is designated for certain projects within the City. There are procedures and steps that need to be taken to designate funds in the CIP for future years to do these improvements. The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) is the Master Plan for all parks in the City. This plan will be reviewed and revised next year, so now is the time to bring forward any suggestions for us to look at.

Ms. Phillips said she would like to see a sign in all of the historic districts to mark the district. Ms. Billingsley said they could have a meeting to further explain and discuss the specific items. Ms. Phillips said she would like the money put back into the CIP. Ms. Billingsley said if there are safety issues, we could possibly do something immediately, otherwise the items need to be planned for in the budget.

Alderperson Michalski asked would trash receptacles be like they have downtown? Ms. Billingsley said those were purchased by the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID). The City only budgets for the barrels. Alderperson Michalski said we would like a different park image here. Ms. Billingsley said we try to stay consistent, but if we need specialized equipment, we need to make an Amendment to the CORP and budget for it in future years.

Mr. Johnson said he thinks the signs are the most important component to get installed.

Mr. Naumann said maybe the City could have the specialized receptacles in Library Park and carry through to certain areas in the Downtown.

Ms. Phillips said she is concerned with the trees that are dying and not being replaced. She would like to maintain the character of the park.

Public Comments

Margaret Heller, 217 69th Street, commented that the current trash receptacles in Library Park are not acceptable and maybe should just be removed. Ms. Heller stated her concern that there were not bids for the Southport Beach House roof repairs.

Gregg Kishline, 8638 32nd Avenue, commented on the Southport complex as a Historic District.

Commissioner Comments

No Commissioner comments.

Staff Comments

Ms. Vang gave update the following updates:

- *Southport Beach House* There was a mandatory pre-bid meeting and no one attended, therefore no one could bid on the project.
- *Heritage House* The TID for the area was approved and a grant for State funding was submitted. Alderperson Michalski asked Ms. Vang to keep the Commission informed of information in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Naumann to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes 5, Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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

Discussion on potential historical marker to be located on the former American Brass Company Office Building site at 1420 63rd Street. (District 3) PUBLIC HEARING

NOTIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS:

Aldersperson Michalski, District 3, has been notified.

LOCATION AND ANALYSIS:

Site: 1420 63rd Street

1. Ben Counterman approached the Historic Preservation Commission with a project concept. The project includes an effort to raise funds for a State historical marker to be located on the former American Brass Office Building site, which is now the Happenings Magazine building at 1420 63rd Street.
2. The fund raising efforts would focus primarily on crowdfunding. Crowdfunding involves funding a project by raising monetary contributions from a large number of people, typically via the internet. Mr. Counterman believes there is already a strong interest in commemorating the site and hopes to receive the Commission's endorsement before proceeding with this project.
3. The project will not require a Certificate of Appropriateness review from the Commission.
4. The proposed sign is an official State of Wisconsin historical marker, such as the sign for the Kenosha Southport Lighthouse. An image of the sign and proposed location is attached. The proposed sign is a 72" by 54" two-post marker and will allow for 1,196 characters. The cost for the sign face is approximately \$4,430.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for discussion purposes only.


PaPhouala Vang, Planner


Jeffrey B. Labahn, Director

Kenosha Southport Lighthouse State historical marker



Proposed location of the Happenings building historical marker

