LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD: HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE OF MEETING: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016

MEETING PLACE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER, ROOM 3212
400 4TH ST. N, LA CROSSE WI

TIME OF MEETING: 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment*
4. Possible Nominations
5. Printing Project (Northern Region/Ordinance Brochure)
6. Letter/Visit to Town Boards Regarding Ordinance
7. Annual Report
8. CLG Grant Availability
9. Items for Future Agenda
10. Next Meeting
11. Adjourn

NOTICES FAXED/MAILED TO:
NEWS MEDIA COUNTY DEPARTMENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS
La Crosse Tribune County Board Chair Vicki Twinde-Javner, Chair
Other news media County Administrator King Holley
     County Clerk Peg Jerome
     Facilities Barbara Kooiman
     
OTHERS
Email:
Joe De Rose, State Historical Society
Tim Acklin, City Planning Dept.
Michelle Jensen (IT)
Nate Sampson (Zoning, Planning & Land Information)

*PUBLIC COMMENT: The Committee may receive information from the public, but the Committee reserves the right to limit the time that the public may comment and the degree to which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

MEMBERS: NEED A QUORUM TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. If unable to attend, call Alice Sorenson at the County Board Chair Office at 785-9563.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY: If you need accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Alice Sorenson at the County Board Chair Office at 785-9563 as soon as possible.

DATE NOTICE POSTED: February 19, 2016
CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chair Twinde-Javner called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2015 AND DECEMBER 4, 2015
MOTION by Schuppel/Sween to approve the minutes of October 9, 2015 and December 4, 2015 with minor changes to the October 9, 2015 minutes. Motion carried unanimously with 2 excused – Loomis/Jerome; 1 absent - Kooiman.

PRINTING PROJECT (NORTHERN REGION/ORDINANCE BROCHURE)
The Northern Region brochures are complete and committee members will distribute to various locations in the surrounding areas. Alice Sorenson will mail brochures to the following:
- Bangor Area Historical Society
- West Salem Historical Society
- Melrose/Mindoro High School
- Upper French Island Community center
- Nancy & Ed Hill (McGilvary Bridge)

LETTER/VISIT TO TOWN BOARDS REGARDING ORDINANCE
Chair Twinde-Javner updated the draft letter with the committee recommendations indicating that the current ordinance has been updated. The updated ordinance hopes to promote better communication with owners of nominated historic sites in the County and the Commission with planned changes to properties. Township addresses will be compiled and double-checked at the March meeting before mailing.

ANNUAL REPORT
Chair Twinde-Javner will present the draft Annual Report at the March meeting for committee review.

DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE:
There was committee consensus to assess the need for a meeting on a month-to-month basis based on the proposed agenda.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Other 2016 Printing Projects

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 4, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURN: MOTION by Holley/Sween to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously with 2 excused – Loomis/Jerome; 1 absent - Kooiman. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.
March 4, 2015

Joe DeRose  
Wisconsin Historical Society  
816 State Street  
Madison, Wisconsin 53706-1482

RE: 2015 Annual Report

Dear Mr. DeRose,

This communication has been approved by members of the La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission as its required CLG annual report to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Commission Members: Peg Jerome, County Board Supervisor - pjerome@lacrossecounty.org  
Harriet Schuppel, citizen member: Onalaska representative  
Anne Loomis, citizen member - anneloomis@charter.net  
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Vicki Twinde-Javner, archaeologist – vtwinde-javner@uwlax.edu  
Barbara Kooiman, architectural historian – barbara_kooiman@hotmail.com

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La Crosse, WI 54601

The La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission held seven monthly meetings in 2015. No new properties were nominated to the historic sites list this year, as the Commission was working on updated their ordinance. The Commission received information about some Section 106 filings for projects and discussed them as they came in to see if there was any concern regarding historic properties potentially near specific project areas.

The Commission members met with some members of the Town of Greenfield as a bridge on our list of historic properties was set to be demolished. The Commission members found out about this proposed demolition by a citizen after the Township had voted to demolish the bridge. This stone bridge had become structurally weak and had a major hole on the south side causing safety concerns for larger vehicles. Commission members
photographed and mapped the bridge, and also attended a township meeting to try and appeal the decision. However, the Township indicated that the bridge was beyond repair and was scheduled to be demolished and replaced with a cement culvert and stone facing on one side.

The Commission completed a new brochure of some historic sites in the northern portion of the county (this was a follow up to the last two years where the Commission printed a brochure of historic sites in the central and southern portion of the county). These have been distributed to local libraries, museums, historical societies, and other areas we felt best to serve to get information out to the public about the Commission.

A large focus of the Commission in 2015 was to have our ordinance updated. Sub-committee members worked on it with the County’s Corporation Counsel in 2014 to draft a new ordinance and in 2015, the revised ordinance was approved by the County’s Planning Resources and Development Committee and the County’s Executive Board Committee and passed. The Commission is working on drafting letters to the townships to inform them of historic properties in their area and providing them with a draft of the new ordinance. However, existing properties on the list prior to the ordinance being changed will be grandfathered in to the old ordinance guidelines.

The Commission made some minor also updates its website www.lacrossecountyhistoricsites.org.

This report briefly sums up the activities of the La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission over the year 2015, as it sought to continue its service to the community. If you have any questions concerning this report or the activities of the commission, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Vicki Twinde-Javner, Chair
La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission