LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD: HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE OF MEETING: FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

MEETING PLACE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER, ROOM 2106 212 6th STREET NORTH, LA CROSSE WI

TIME OF MEETING: 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment*
3. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes:
   a. April 6, 2018
4. Barb Kooiman’s Subgrant Project Report
5. Oehler Mill Discussion
6. Possible Nominations
   a. St. John’s Lutheran Church in Barre Mills
   b. The Gas Station that was moved to the Middle Ridge School
   c. Camp Decorah (Boy Scout Camp)
   d. Veteran’s Memorial Park and Campground
   e. Big Creek Mill
   f. Mindoro Cut
7. Tour
8. Items for Future Agenda
9. Next Meeting
10. Adjourn

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Vicki Twinde-Javner, Chair
King Holley
Roger Plesha
Anne Loomis
Harriet Schuppel
Kent Sween
Anita Doering

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: April 25, 2018
HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Friday, April 6, 2018
Room 2106, County Administrative Center
9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Twinde-Javner, Kent Sween, Harriet Schuppel, Anita Doering, King Holley
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Roger Plesha
MEMBERS ABSENT: Anne Loomis
OTHERS PRESENT: Alice Sorenson

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chair Vicki Twinde-Javner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Chair Twinde-Javner received a call concerning tours of the Smith Valley School and who to contact to make an appointment. Discussion ensued and suggestions were made on who to contact.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:
MOTION by Schuppel/Sween to approve the minutes of December 1, 2017 and March 2, 2018. Motion carried with one excused – Plesha; one absent - Loomis.

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION
The appointment process which encompasses 47+ different County commissions/boards/committees that are advisory to county operations was again discussed. There are approximately 250 seats on those commissions/boards/committees where there is frequent turnover of individuals serving on them. The Executive Committee has taken on a project for 2018 to open up this process, make it more transparent, diversify the membership of all of the commissions/boards/committees and make the whole community aware of the opportunities available to serve La Crosse County. A new website will be launched in the next couple of months and there will be a site listing those volunteer opportunities and where vacancies occur. Anita Doering has been appointed to the Commission to fill Barb’s unexpired term.

BARB KOOIMAN’S SUBGRANT PROJECT UPDATE
Barbara Kooiman was not present at the meeting but submitted a written update on her project progress as follows:
- Started doing research on the individual properties which Barb identified as potentially eligible for the National Register.
- Has begun the data entry into the Wisconsin Historical Society Architectural/History Inventory database.
- Gathering historic research materials for the thematic chapters.
- Has contacted/invited Daina Penkiunas, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, to come to La Crosse to review the properties that have been flagged as potentially eligible.

OEHLER MILL DISCUSSION
Chair Twinde-Javner read a letter received from Rev. John Swing who owns the Oehler Mill on County Road MM in the Town of Shelby. Rev. Swing is asking for advice and/or contacts who could help with the preservation of the mill. Discussion ensued and names of
contractors as well as companies who work on historic buildings were provided. Chair Twinde-Javner will contact Rev. Swing and share the information.

POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS
- St. John’s Lutheran Church in Barre Mills – No report.
- The Gas Station that was moved to the Middle Ridge School – Anne Loomis/Photos have been collected and trying to track down the deed.
- Camp Decorah (Boy Scout Camp) – King Holley/Gathering information.
- Veteran’s Memorial Park and Campground – No report. Mary Kaufmann from the La Crosse County Facilities Department will be kept informed as the process moves forward.
- Hiram Lovejoy House – This property will be removed from possible nomination.
- Big Creek Mill – No report.
- Mindoro Cut – No report.

2018 DUES
Dues were paid to the following:
- National Trust for Historic Preservation in the amount of $30 on February 2, 2017.
- WI Association of Historic Preservation Commissions in the amount of $40 on March 15, 2018.
- Preservation Alliance of La Crosse County in the amount of $20 on March 21, 2018.
- The Ridge History Park in the amount of $30 on March 15, 2018.
- Wisconsin Historical Society ($65) – Have not received an invoice.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: NONE

NEXT MEETING: MAY 4, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURN MOTION by Holley/Schuppel to adjourn. Motion carried with one excused – Plesha; one absent – Loomis.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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