

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Menomonie Historic Preservation Commission held its December, 2014, meeting on December 8, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present: Tom Twohig, Ryland Erdman, Peggy Terry, Josh Risler, Linda Chase and Monte Burstad. Also present: Brenna Long and Ken Schofield.

The November 10, 2014, minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

There were two (2) Certificate of Appropriateness/Sign Approval applications presented for consideration.

Both of the applications were from Amy Styer on behalf of Dashingly Country Boutique and Beauty Bar at 616 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The two (2) applications were approved unanimously. See attached.

There was a discussion regarding the bronze plaques on downtown buildings. Mr. Schofield provided the Commission members present (and will be sending to Mr. Dotseth individually) current brochures from the Erie Landmark Company. The Commission will be making a decision in the near future on (1) whether or not they wish to be involved in a City-sponsored program regarding the erection of bronze plaques within the downtown historic district; (2) which bronze plaque manufacturer will be selected to manufacture the plaques; (3) who would be required to pay for these bronze plaques (and if the City is going to be subsidizing some of the purchase price, what kind of financial support the City Historic Preservation Commission would agree to provide regarding the purchase price of the bronze plaques; (4) what the size of the bronze plaques should be; (5) who should erect or pay for the cost of erecting the bronze plaques; and (6) what standardized language or information should be allowed to be placed upon each bronze marker.

There was brief discussion over whether or not bronze plaques, subsidized or not by City funds, should be offered to areas in the City that are not within the downtown historic district.

Mr. Twohig will be contacting the two manufacturers of these bronze plaques and will be securing information as to the cost for various sizes of the bronze plaques and if there would be some consideration given by these companies to charge less per plaque if the City were to be able to order a specified number of bronze plaques.

Mr. Schofield asked members of the Commission to review the material earlier sent to them by him regarding the Commission's past actions on this topic so as not to require this Commission to reinvent the wheel.

Commission members were asked by Mr. Schofield to provide his or her individual views on this topic via e-mail to him. Mr. Schofield will then disseminate to all members of the Commission the views of each such individual Commission member who have forwarded his or her thoughts to him.

The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting shall be held on January 12, 2015, at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Schofield  
Recording Secretary