

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Historic Preservation Commission held its August meeting on August 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present: Tom Twohig, Ryland Erdman, Josh Risler, Melissa Kneeland and Tim Dotseth. Also present: Darrek Orwig (Main Street of Menomonie), Kim Gerth and Joe DeRose (Historic Preservation and Public History Division of the Wisconsin Historical Society).

The minutes from the July 11, 2016 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission were approved as presented. (Ryland Erdman motion and Melissa Kneeland 2nd)

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Old Business:

Following the issue of a conditional *Certificate of Appropriateness* at the July meeting for 420 Main Street, the color selected by the property owner was “Chelsea Gray” from the approved Benjamin Moore historic color palette.

Melissa Kneeland and Tim Dotseth spoke of taking pictures of anyone interested in front of the existing mural on the East side of the Lee Building. Tim Dotseth also inquired if anyone knew who might be able to replicate the mural. It was decided, however, to hold off exploring this activity until there is confirmation that the building will be razed.

Historic Preservation Commission is currently waiting on direction from the City attorney in regards to the unapproved color choices for the sign and facade at 327 Main Street.

Kim Gerth will check into the process of repayment for the Historic Plaques.

New Business:

Joe DeRose of the Wisconsin Historical Society gave a presentation on the Certified Local Government program. It's a national program that recognizes local governments with a preservation ordinance in place. There are 68 Certified Local Governments in the State of Wisconsin with only about 10-12 applying for the monies yearly. The monies can be utilized for things the local Historic Commissions are unable to fund, such as historic architectural surveys. The last survey completed in Menomonie was in the 1980's. DeRose stated that they should be done at least every 20 years. The process to apply for grant monies includes a Letter of Intent (due by Sept 9, 2016) and a completed application (due 2nd Friday in November 2016). Grants are typically awarded in mid-February 2017 and projects expected to be completed by 2018.

Darrek Orwig will bring the discussion of acceptable historic colors (and tangible samples) to the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

There were no *Certificates of Appropriateness* presented for consideration.

Josh Risler made a Motion to adjourn; Tim Dotseth 2nd.

The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on September 12, 2016 at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.