

MINUTES

Call to Order

Members Present: Kilian, Prohaska, Frieders, Domann, Prohaska

Staff Present: Aulik, Riniker

Public Members: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kilian at 6:00 pm

Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2020

Motion by Frieders, second by Prohaska. Voice vote. Motion Carried.

Refinishing the Council Chamber Floors

Kilian expressed concerns about the refinishing of the council chamber's floor. Aulik shared information about the State that said this is not something that is approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. She also shared a write up with the History of the Council Chamber floors from Building Maintenance Specialist, Shannon Butson. Members would like to know how the trim screw heads and nail holes will be covered. Aulik will follow up with Butson.

Motion by Frieders, second by Prohaska to accept the information as provided. Voice vote. Motion carried.

WI Association of Historic Preservation Commissions Conference (WAHPC) April 23-24, 2021

Prohaska mentioned that he is on the WAHPC Board and the event will be free and virtual. He discussed possible topics and speakers. It was discussed that it was important that members participate in some of these trainings throughout the year and it also assists Platteville with receiving grant funding.

Aulik will look into the renewal of the Commission Membership for 2021.

Update on Historic Preservation Grant Application

Aulik updated on the grant applications. Two applications were submitted. One for two more properties to be nominated on the State and National Register and the museum studies. She noted that Indian Park was tabled and the Commission can work to pursue a grant for 2022.

Update on Indian Park

Prohaska mentioned that "The Friends of Indian Park" is potentially working on humanities grant.

Review of City HPC Policies

Prohaska would like a report of building permits issued to historic properties. Riniker stated that starting in 2021 the list of all issued building permits will be provided on the City website. Aulik will share the link once available.

Members discussed better outreach and education to owners with historic properties. Riniker stated that handing out historic tax credit brochures at the time of building permits was too late into a project to inform owners because their project would already be started. Members discussed other ways to educate owners of the potential tax credits including hosting an educational event. This item will come back for continued discussion.

State of Wisconsin Preservation Laws and Update of Chapter 27

Prohaska reviewed the most recent Wisconsin Acts relevant to historic preservation. Discussion was had on whether or not Chapter 27 needed updates. Kilian would like to see if the State has a model ordinance. Aulik will reach out to the WI Historical Society and advised that reviewing Chapter 27 could be a 2021 goal for the Commission.

Update on State Law Regarding Dumpster Enclosures and Required Setbacks

Continued from previous meetings, Prohaska questioned why the City had a document for “dumpster enclosure guidelines” which allowed for a roof over the enclosure, but the Steve’s Pizza dumpster enclosure was not allowed. Riniker advised that the owner would first need a variance through the State DSPS because they did not meet minimum setback requirements. A variance would have to be issued from the State before a building permit could legally be issued and before HPC would need to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness. Staff advised that the Community Development Department already spoke to the owner this last Fall regarding this topic, however Riniker will reach out again. This is a State issue and at this time, HPC has no authority.

Citizen Comments

None.

Next Meeting Date

February 16, 2021 at 6 pm

Adjourn

Motion by Frieders, second by Prohaska. Voice vote. Motion carried. Time: 7:08