

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 21, 2024

OPENING OF MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alli Karrels, Wendy Schobert, Travis Gross, Daniel Peterson, Steven Jaeger, and Peter Mayer

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Ellise Rose, City Attorney Charles Adams, City Administrator Casey Bradley, and Mayor Ryan Sorenson

OTHERS PRESENT:

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Alli Karrels called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

3. Approval of minutes from the September 16, 2024 meeting.

Motion by Travis Gross, second by Daniel Peterson to approve. Motion Carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

4. Discussion regarding the former Citizens Bank of Sheboygan building at 636 Wisconsin Avenue.

Peter Mayer discussed resident concern and the reasons the building could potentially be eligible for a demolition hold.

Alli Karrels noted that she approved the agenda with this item under "Items for discussion and possible action".

City Attorney Adams stated that the Historic Preservation Commission has no authority over this building because it is not listed as potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at pages 248--256 in the report entitled "City Architectural and Historical Intensive Survey Report" prepared by LJM Architects, Inc. dated 2002, 2004 and 2006.

City Administrator Casey Bradley discussed how the City had purchased the building after it had been on the market for 1.5 years. There had been two interested parties in that time, however, both parties had concluded that it would be too cost prohibitive. He also discussed the asbestos in the building and the abatement efforts currently underway.

The commission discussed the lack of communication between the City, the commission, and community residents. The commission also discussed the need to resurvey they city to help protect the city's historic structures.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Discuss designating the Civil War Monuments

Travis Gross discussed his research regarding the monuments in Fountain Park including a high jump monument that may be worthy of locally landmarking.

Peter Mayer will discuss these monuments at the next Board of Marina, Parks, and Forestry Commissioners meeting.

6. Discuss designating Highland Terrace/North Neighborhood.

Commission discussed landmarking a district versus specific homes within a neighborhood.

Alli Karrels discussed the need for a form to locally landmark. Alli will research forms.

Commission discussed having meetings with neighborhoods after a form is created.

7. Discuss the Commissions introduction to Council/Annual Report.

Alli spoke with the Mayor and determined that January or February would be a good time for a standing annual meeting with the Common Council.

The Commission will bring topic ideas to November's meeting.

8. Timely items brought to the commissions attention needing immediate action.

Wendy questioned whether or not the commission will meet in December this year. The commission will decide at the November meeting if they will have a meeting in December or not.

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. Next Meeting Date: November 18, 2024

ADJOURN

10. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Wendy Schobert, second by Steven Jaeger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.