



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Notice is hereby given that the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION of the City of Wausau, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting on the date, time and location shown below.

Meeting of the:	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU
Date/Time:	Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 4:00 pm.
Location:	Meet at City Hall @ 407 Grant St
Members:	Gary Gisselman (C), Linda Tryczak, Kevin Crooks, Mary Forer, David Oberbeck, Christine Martens, Steve Miller, Brian Mason, Patrick Bacher

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (All items listed may be acted upon)

1. Approval of the minutes from the October 25, 2023 meeting.
2. Feedback from recent bus tour and ideas for Landmarks and Districts.
3. Goals for 2024.
4. Next Meeting dates and future agenda items for consideration.
5. Adjournment.

No action will be taken by the Committee, but a quorum of members may be present.

Gary Gisselman - Committee Chairperson

This Notice was posted at City Hall and emailed to the Daily Herald newsroom on **03/20/2024 @ 9:00 a.m.** Questions regarding this agenda may be directed to the Planning Department at (715) 261-6760.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Time and Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau City Hall
Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Mary Forer, Christine Martens, Brian Mason, Steve Miller
Members Not Present: Patrick Bacher, Kevin Crooks, Linda Tryczak, David Oberbeck
Others Present: Brad Lenz, Samantha Kulig

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Chairperson Gisselman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. stating that a quorum was present.

Approval of the minutes from July 26, 2023, and August 30, 2023 (Ad Hoc) meetings.

Martens motioned to approve the minutes from July 26, 2023, and August 30, 2023 (Ad Hoc) meetings. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on setting a public hearing for landmarking the Jacob Kolter House at 202 Grand Avenue.

Gisselman stated a public hearing is needed for any possible action on landmarking the Jacob Kolter House at 202 Grand Avenue and suggested that a public hearing should be held after the holidays. Gisselman also stated that a 40-day legal notice is required prior to any public hearings.

Martens motioned to hold a public hearing for Wednesday, January 31st, 2024. Miller seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on setting a public hearing for landmarking the Marathon County Home and Hospital at 1200 Lake View Drive.

Martens suggested that this public hearing for Marathon County Home and Hospital should be held during the same Historic Preservation Commission meeting as the Jacob Kolter House.

Martens motioned to hold a public hearing for Wednesday, January 31st, 2024. Miller seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

Update and discussion on Former Kelly Park Property.

Lenz provided a geographical explanation of the former Kelly Park property: Two homes are privately owned on one parcel, and the 3rd building is city-owned. Gisselman provided a historical update of the properties. Gisselman stated 915 Grand Avenue is the Louis Marcetti house and is registered on the National Register of Historic Places. The Marcetti home was moved from next to the apartment by the Jacob Kolter House to Grant St then moved again to where it currently resides. The Nathan Orr home, 921 Grand Avenue, was originally on 2nd Street and was moved at the same time as the Marcetti home. Both the Louis Marcetti house and the Nathan Orr house have the same owner.

Lenz stated that the City of Wausau Inspections division has concerns about maintenance of the property. Kulig stated that at this time there are no open violations of ordinances.

Gisselman stated that the City of Wausau is concerned and watching these two properties. He suggested we reach out to the homeowner of our concerns, as they are historic homes. Martens suggested a letter to reach out to the homeowner. Gisselman suggested another option of waiting for Inspections to talk to her. He also suggested the option of inviting her to a Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Miller asked if anyone knows the homeowner on a personal level. Gisselman stated he had sent her a letter and communicated with the homeowner when the properties were moved to the current location. Martens asked if the

Marathon County Historical Society can do anything. Forer stated that the Marathon County Historical Society can only provide historical information and the importance of those buildings. Gisselman stated he wanted to bring these historic homes to members' attention.

Discussion and possible action on Zion Lutheran Church (709 N 6th Street) National Register Nomination.

Gisselman stated that the Zion Lutheran Church is moving towards the National Register status. The members received a letter from the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the Zion Lutheran Church's nomination. The letter asks for the members to review the nomination as the representative of a Certified Local Government and submit opinions and comments, if any, regarding Zion Lutheran Church's national register nomination.

Miller stated that he has a positive impression of the work in maintaining the integrity of the Church. Miller mentioned he's surprised at how relatively young this Church was as it was constructed in 1953. Miller asked if there was a previous Zion Lutheran Church prior this constructed church. Gisselman responded that the original Church was constructed in 1874 on the corner of Plumer and Seymour Street, but now there is the school there; in the 1890's, they built a new Church, but now there is a Marathon County bank there.

Mason stated that the property is wonderful, and he had a personal tour with the senior Minister. Mason shared his opinion that he is confident that it will be on the National registry.

Mason motioned to notify via email that we fully support the registration of Zion Lutheran Church on the National Register of Historic Places. Miller seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

Discussion of potential landmarks and districts.

Martens stated there is a retaining or granite wall on a property along McIntosh Street. Martens stated that it was originally a farm owned by Walter Alexander and is now vacant land. Martens stated that she would like to discuss this in a future meeting after she finds additional historical information. Gisselman asked if the homeowner is interested in it. Martens stated that the homeowner is open to opportunities. Gisselman stated the homeowner could do a historical marker. Mason stated that the Alexander's have a family foundation that still runs and that it could be worth getting historical information from them.

Next meeting dates and future agenda items for consideration.

Miller requested to add back to our agenda the discussion on historical downtown churches and possible action of pursuing a historic downtown district. Miller stated he has additional information on this agenda item.

Martens requested to add back to our agenda another potential district along River Drive and on Oak Island. Martens would like to revisit this discussion after the changes that occurred in the last few years.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Adjournment.

Martens motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.