

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Time and Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of Wausau City Hall.

Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Kevin Crooks, Christine Martens, Linda Tryczak, Brian Mason, Steve Miller, Patrick Bacher.

Others Present: Andy Lynch, Sam Kulig, Brooke Mueller

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

Approved the meeting minutes for March 27, 2024 and April 24, 2024.

Motion by Patrick and seconded by Steve. Approved 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on Centennial Home Program.

Gary reached out to Wausau Awards & Engraving to get an estimated cost of the plaque and came back with around \$250.00-\$300.00 for a nice, molded metal plaque and stated that other communities also charge about this same price.

Christine asked if there is a bulk discount option available if the plaques were generic and not personalized to each property. Gary did not have an answer on this as he just got a rough estimate.

Kevin asked if there would be additional charges to include the year the property was built and asked if they would be bronze. Gary stated that the cost is a one-off estimate and they signs would be bronze with raised lettering.

Kevin also asked if they would be visible from the sidewalk which is the plan.

Christine asked if the different organizations, Historic Preservation & Friends of Wausau Historical Group should work together on this versus separate. Gary stated that it would be separate.

Gary stated that he just wanted to get the commissions approval to move forward with the research and design on this project.

Motion by Christine and seconded by Linda. Approved 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on landmarking Marathon County Home and Hospital (1200 Lake View Drive).

Gary stated that this hospital was built in 1927.

Steve asked if there is any reason to not landmark this property, he agrees that it should have been done by now.

Kevin asked if there was any feedback from county officials to which Gary stated no.

Patrick wants to preserve this building. He believes now that there is a walking trail that goes past this building the awareness of it will increase.

Kevin stated that he doesn't believe we need the counties permission to landmark but we would notify them of the updated status.

Motion by Linda and seconded by Steve. Approved 7-0.

This would be presented to the public at the meeting on August 28, 2024

Discussion and possible action on landmarking the former DUAV (540 S. 3rd Avenue).

Formerly Catholic Charities location.

Motion by Christine and seconded by Linda. Approved 7-0.

Patrick stated that there have been some cosmetic updates, but restoration is possible. Most likely wood caps were placed over the round, concrete window details, most likely to better match the replacement square windows (round top replacements were no longer available inexpensively).

This was built in 1887, the additional wing was added slightly later (around the 1890)

Motion by Christine and seconded by Linda. Approved 7-0.

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Discuss Watch List of historic properties.

Christine mentioned an Italianate property located at 819 LeMessurier which was built in 1875 and is currently owned by LMG Investments, Inc. Currently looks to be 4 units. Still has original corbels and window details. Christine recommends that this house be recognized as a landmark due to the style being a bit more uncommon that still has quite a bit of detail to preserve.

Patrick stated there are some other Italianates (corner of Franklin & 6th – although they tried to make this look more prairie style other the years and the Centre for Well-Being – corner of 6th & McIndoe)

The building at the corner of 6th & Wausau Ave (former grocery store originally) was brought to our attention because within the next 5-10 years or so that intersection is planned to be redone and that building will be looked at to be demolished by the DOT. They are currently in the design/planning phase. The commission agreed to take a look at landmarking that building.

Linda mentioned the building that Blazing Gifts is in.

Steve asked about the Little Red School House, it was the Spooner School that was moved by the County to Marathon Park. Gary stated that the stone buildings, cow barns, and gates are named in the ordinance but the Little Red School House is not. Steve recommended that this building be included in the ordinance. Gary agreed that the Little Red School House and the Youth Building both be included. Steve requested that we come back to this topic in a future meeting.

Motion by Linda and seconded by Kevin. Approved 7-0.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 in the Council Chambers of Wausau City Hall.

Adjournment

Motion by Steve and seconded by Linda. Motion approved unanimously 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 4:45p.m.

The Historic Preservation Commission is next scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2024.