



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, August 30, 2023 at 4:15 pm.**
Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403) - BIRCH ROOM**
Members: Gary Gisselman (C), Linda Tryczak, Kevin Crooks, Mary Forer, David Oberbeck, Christine Martens, Steve Miller, Brian Mason, Patrick Bacher

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Approve of the minutes from the July 26, 2023 meeting.
2. Discussion and possible action on setting a public hearing for landmarking the Jacob Kolter house at 202 Grand Avenue
3. Discussion and possible action on setting a public hearing for landmarking the Marathon County Home and Hospital at 1200 Lakeview Drive
4. Discussion of potential landmarks and districts.
5. Next meeting dates and future agenda items for consideration
6. Adjournment

Gary Gisselman - Committee Chairperson

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Time and Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau City Hall
Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Kevin Crooks, Mary Forer, Christine Martens, Steve Miller, Linda Tryczak,
David Oberbeck, Brian Mason (arrived 4:04 p.m.)
Members Not Present: Patrick Bacher
Others Present: Brad Lenz, Blake Opal-Wahoske, Adam Doede, Kristin Smith

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 the April 26, 2023, meeting.

Miller motioned to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2023 meeting. Tryczak seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Discussion and possible action on Memorial Bridge restoration.

Gisselman said that there is information in the packet for the restoration.

Blake Opal-Wahoske, Wausau River District, said that they are looking for the commissions support for the bridge restoration project. Opal-Wahoske said that they are starting with educational presentations and will be working with Al Kowalski for estimates. The project is anticipated to start in Spring 2024.

Crooks said that a placard with the bridge name was discussed during the previous meeting. Opal-Wahoske said that he did look and there is a placard. Martens said that there should be history listed also. Tryczak asked if the American Legion did a dedication. This was confirmed.

Martens motioned to create a letter support the restoration of Memorial Bridge. Forer seconded. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Discussion and possible action on landmarking the Henry Miller House at 1314 Grand Avenue.

Gisselman said that the owners are present and asked that this be pulled from the agenda.

Discussion and possible action on landmarking the Jacob Kolter House at 202 Grand Avenue.

Gisselman said that there is information in the packet on the Jacob Kolter House.

Crooks said the modification make it ineligible for the national register. Martens said that even with the modifications, this is an important piece of property and would be a good idea to landmark it.

Miller asked if it would be disqualified because it isn't eligible for the national register. Gisselman said that the local landmarking has different qualifications. Crooks said that national register is more restrictive than the local landmarking requirements.

Crooks motioned to move forward to landmark the Jacob Kolter house at 202 Grand Avenue. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 8-0. Gisselman said that they will conduct an informational meeting before the public hearing.

Discussion and possible action on landmarking the Marathon County Home and Hospital at 1200 Lakeview Drive.

Gisselman said there is information on the property in the packet.

Crooks asked what the current use is. Gisselman said that is used as office space currently. Miller said that it is almost 100 years old.

Miller motioned to move forward to landmark the Marathon County Home and Hospital at 1200 Lakeview Drive.

Oberbeck asked if they have been contacted. Gisselman said they have not been. Oberbeck said that there have been extensive restorations going on at the property. It may be a good idea to talk to them before going through the process. Martens said that it would be nice to plans for the parcel.

Miller motioned to table the landmarking of Marathon County Home and Hospital at 1200 Lakeview Drive to the next meeting. Tryczak seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Discussion and possible action on creating a local historic district for UW-Marathon County Campus Historic District.

The commission discussed the properties in the proposed district. Martens asked if there are plans for the area. Lenz said that it is part of the Master Plan. Gisselman said that this would be a Class II district and would be advisory only. Martens asked if buildings in any other campuses are landmarked. Crooks said that some of the buildings are barely eligible and does not see that most of them are architecturally significant. Lenz said that the significance of the area is that it is a campus intact. The commission discussed the consequences of declaring the area as a historic district, specific properties and the boundaries of the district.

Mason motioned to not move forward with the local historic for UW-Marathon County Campus Historic District. Crooks seconded.

Martens asked if specific properties could be looked at. Gisselman said that would be an option.

The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Discussion of potential landmarks and districts.

Miller said that the uniqueness of the downtown churches should be addressed and asked if it could be a district. The east boundary could be 5th or 6th Street, Fulton Street on the north side, river on the west side and Washington Street on the south side. Tryczak said that some have been landmarked. Lenz said that the historic districts could be overlaid. Gisselman said that the boundaries could be drawn and be researched. Mason said that he would be in support of this.

Next meeting dates and future agenda items for consideration.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2023.

Adjournment.

Tryczak motioned to adjourn. Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.