

## VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**MARCH 18, 2009**

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Administrative Secretary II, Deborah A Brown.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Trustee Grant entertained a motion to nominate Trustee David Liss as Chair of Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Baer, seconded by Commissioner Sepstead, to nominate Trustee Liss as Chair of the Historical Preservation Commission. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Baer, seconded by Commissioner Sepstead, to approve the appointment of Trustee Liss as Chair of the Historical Preservation Commission. Approved unanimously.

Commission members present: Trustee Jim Grant, Commissioners Norbert Studelska, Sr., Judy Baer, and Sheldon Sepstead. Trustee David Liss arriving at 5:05pm.

Absent: Matt Zipter

Staff/Officials present: Michael A. Rambousek, Director of Planning and Development, and Deborah A. Brown-Administrative Secretary

Others present: Gina Studelska-1125 Vienna Court, Grafton, Rick Bate-1483 County C, Grafton, Bill and Sue Hass-1226 Water Terrace, Grafton,

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Grant, second by Commissioner Studelska, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2009, Historic Preservation Commission meeting, with a change on page 4 to read "Commissioner Baer suggested that the Historic Preservation Commission draft a letter to the Editors of the News Graphic and Ozaukee Press stating the Commission's position on the matter of the Grafton Bridge Street Dam". Approved unanimously.

#### **HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD**

None.

### **PRESENTATION ON GRAFTON HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Director of Planning and Development, Michael A. Rambousek stated that the developers from the Grafton Hotel redevelopment project have not yet arrived and the Commission should move forward with the remaining agenda items pending their arrival.

### **UPDATE ON THE GIRL SCOUT PROJECT TO SCAN GLASS PHOTO NEGATIVES FROM THE MICHAEL MATTHIES COLLECTION**

Gina Studelska and Rick Bates presented the Commission with some of the completed photos that the Girl Scouts worked on over the past few months.

Ms. Studelska also indicated that the Girl Scouts have completed about 110 slides so far, and that they were going to have a presentation tomorrow at St. Joseph's in Grafton. She also indicated that the next presentation by the Girl Scouts would take place at the Public Library in the lower level on April 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. She encouraged the Commission members to attend and was hoping to get in contact with Mary Jo Hansen from the Library to see if some of the photo exhibits could be placed on public display in the near future.

The Commission members thanked Gina and Rick for their commitment to this project.

### **CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Commissioner Sepstead, seconded by Trustee Grant, to convene to closed session, at 5:20p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for real estate and competitive bargaining matters (Purchase of property for municipal purposes). Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

A closed session of approximately 23 minutes was held. During the closed session the members were updated by staff on the status of potential properties to house a Grafton History Museum.

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Motion by Commissioner Sepstead, seconded by Commissioner Baer, to reconvene to open session and the regular order of business, at 5:43 p.m. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

### **PRESENTATION ON GRAFTON HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Motion by Commissioner Sepstead, seconded by Trustee Grant, to table the presentation on the Grafton Hotel Redevelopment project for the next meeting. Approved unanimously.

### **FURTHER UPDATES ON THE 2010 PARAMOUNT WALK OF FAME CEREMONY**

Director Rambousek gave a brief update on this upcoming Walk of Fame Ceremony. He stated that the ceremony would be held during the Paramount Blues Festival which is being held on September 17 and 18. He also stated the Walk of Fame ceremony would

take place on Saturday, September 18, at 11:30 a.m. and will last about 15 minutes. The members were asked to draft a two paragraph speech for the ceremony and submit a photo of the Paramount Walk of Fame by the end of April to Kris Raymond. She will make sure it is listed in there program schedule.

The 2010 Walk of Fame inductees are Tommy Johnson and Big Bill Broonzy. the cost of the engraving for this year's inductees was approved in December, 2009.

Kris Raymond is asking if the Committee would be interested in having a booth on the Paramount history at the Blues Festival on Saturday, Sept 18, from Noon to 7 p.m.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1743 WISCONSIN AVENUE, OWNED BY ROBERT AHLERS.**

A short discussion took place to have Director Rambousek search for grant money to pay for a feasibility study on the property at 1743 Wisconsin Avenue for a possible historic museum.

Motion by Commissioner Sepstead, seconded by Trustee Grant, to authorize Director Rambousek search for grant money to pay for a feasibility study on the property located at 1743 Wisconsin Avenue, Grafton, WI, owned by Robert Ahlers. Approved unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION AND CONSIDERATION TO FORM A NON-PROFIT IRS 501c3 CITIZEN COMMITTEE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CREATION OF A GRAFTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Commissioner Baer, to table the recommendation and consideration to form a non-profit IRS 501c3 Citizen Committee to raise funds for the creation of a Grafton Historical Museum. Approved unanimously.

**REVIEW OF THE 2010 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET**

Director Rambousek reviewed the 2010 Historical Preservation Commission budget with the Commissioners. There were no comments on the budget presentation.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON PURSUING MUSEUM GRANTS AND GRANTS FOR SCANNING GLASS PLATES**

A short discussion took place and Trustee Grant asked Director Rambousek to research for grants on this item. The Commission members agreed and Director Rambousek will report and update the Commission with any information in the future.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

No comments made.

**OLDBUSINESS**

Commissioner Baer reviewed a draft letter to be submitted to local Editors from the News Graphic and Ozaukee Press by the Commission members on the Commission's position on the matter of the Bridge Street dam.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the letter was acceptable.

Commissioner Sepstead stated that he was not in favor personally of the letter, but he was comfortable with it being sent because the majority of the Commission members agreed with it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING**

Director Rambousek distributed the schedule of the 2010 Commission meetings and brought attention to the fact the meetings would be starting at 5:00pm. He also noted that the next scheduled meeting will be on May 20, 2010. The Commission was acceptable with the new start time of 5:00pm.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Commissioner Sepstead, to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Approved unanimously.