

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION / DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – 4:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room – Lincoln Center
1519 Water Street – Stevens Point, WI

PRESENT: Alderperson Mary Stroik, Kathy Kruthoff, Jack Curtis, Karl Halsey, and George Hanson

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Michael Ostrowski, Joe DeRose, Tim Heggland, Mary McComb, Cathy Dugan, Matthew Brown, and Brian Kowalski.

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1. Approval of the report from the March 26, 2011 meeting.
 2. Presentation by Joe DeRose of the Wisconsin Historical Society and Tim Heggland (consultant) on the reconnaissance survey for potential National Register eligible properties and historic districts in the City of Stevens Point.
 3. Other business.
 4. Adjourn.
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1. Approval of the report of the March 26, 2011 HP/DRC meeting.

Motion by Hanson to approve the report; seconded by Halsey. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Presentation by Joe DeRose of the Wisconsin Historical Society and Tim Heggland (consultant) on the reconnaissance survey for potential National Register eligible properties and historic districts in the City of Stevens Point.

Joe DeRose of the Wisconsin Historical Society gave an introduction of how the City was selected to participate in the survey. Mr. DeRose indicated that the City of Stevens Point is one of the largest communities that have not had a survey done.

Mr. DeRose presented the HP/DRC a check for \$25,000 to carry out the survey.

Mr. DeRose gave background information about the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Mr. DeRose indicated that the Mr. Heggland looked at all structures within the City limits of Stevens Point. He looked for structures that may be considered eligible for the National Register. In his search, he looked at all buildings over 40 years of age, with a wide variety of uses, including, religious buildings, commercial buildings, public buildings, industrial buildings, residential buildings, entertainment centers, and parks. The buildings need to be at least 50 years of age to be considered eligible. The reason he looked at 40 year old buildings is to allow these buildings to be considered when they reach 50 years of age. This prevents the survey from being quickly outdated.

Information about potentially eligible buildings get put into a database at wisconsinhistory.org. Stevens Point has about 370 properties currently in the database.

Designation is largely honorific, and not regulatory. Having eligible buildings allow property owners the ability to get economic tax incentives.

The project will wrap up later this summer and there will be another presentation at that time. Once all of the properties are identified, those property owners will be invited to the final presentation. A final report will come out of the survey process.

Cather Dugan – 615 Sommers Street: Had some questions about why some properties were not listed. Tim Heggland indicated that the field work is done. There are certain standards that they look for when including a building. In addition, there are many buildings already listed. This survey is to look for other buildings that are not already listed.

Mr. Heggland indicated that there are three parts to the survey: (1) pre-survey, (2) reconnaissance survey, and (3) intensive survey. He has currently finished the pre-survey and reconnaissance survey parts. Now he begins the intensive search where he will try and find as much information about the buildings as he can. The survey process started in October of 2010.

Mr. Heggland also indicated that he will be taking photographs of these properties, and updating the photos of the existing properties.

Mr. Heggland said he looks for both individual properties and districts.

Brian Kowalski – Stevens Point Journal: Asked what happens when the uses of historic buildings change. Mr. Heggland indicated that it is not about the occupancy type, but the appearance.

Mr. Heggland went over the list (Attachment A) of districts and properties that he found during the reconnaissance survey.

Mr. Heggland said that this survey does not list the properties on the National Register, but only indicates if they could be considered eligible.

Mr. Heggland said the final report will be organized into themes.

Mr. DeRose indicated that tax credits are a tool, but the real focal point comes at the local level. The design standards in which the preservation commission adopts gives the community the ability to help preserve these structures.

3. Other business.

Aldersperson Mary Stroik was introduced as the newest member of the HP/DRC. She takes the place of former Aldersperson Tom Mallison.

4. Adjourn.

Motion by Hanson to adjourn; seconded by Halsey. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Attachment A

Stevens Point National Register Eligible Properties and Historic Districts

Clark Street-Main Street Residential Historic District: Approx. 89 buildings located on both sides of Clark and Main streets and extending from the west side of Freemont St. west to the residential end of the 1400 blocks of both streets.

Pine Street-Plover Street Residential Historic District: Approx. 35 buildings located primarily on the west side of the 1900 block of Pine Street and on both sides of the 1900 block of Plover Street. Additional buildings are also located around the Wisconsin Street and Shaurette Street intersections of these blocks.

Church Street Residential Historic District: Approx. 15 buildings located on both sides of the 1500 block of Church St.

Sunset Fork Residential Historic District: Approx. 11 buildings.

Iverson Park Historic District: The entire park and its many associated WPA-era buildings.

Bukolt Park Historic District: That section of the park that contains two WPA-era buildings and landscape features.

Church of the Ascension - St. Stephens R. C. Church Historic District: All seven of the historic buildings that are associated with these two churches.

Sentry Insurance World Headquarters Building. Will be eligible when 50-years-old.

Sisters Of St. Joseph Convent: and its several associated buildings/structures. Maria Drive.

Pacelli High School: Maria Drive.

709 and 717 Ridge Rd. Two fine Contemporary Style houses.

4213 Simonis St. Another fine Contemporary Style house.

St. Peter's R. C. Church Complex: Church, rectory, and school.

P. J. Jacobs High School: 2400 Main St.

2027 Lincoln Ave. Fine small Italianate style house.

2048 Dixon St.: Fine small Mission Style house.

Soo Line Engine No. 2713: Ca.1723 Monroe St.

Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Saute Sainte Marie RR Yard (Monroe St.): three historic buildings.

Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Saute Sainte Marie RR Depot: 1625 Depot St.

Stevens Point City Hall: 1515 Strongs Ave.

First Baptist Church: 1948 Church St. Prairie School building.

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1925 Church St.: Fine small Italianate style house.

Consolidated Water Power and Paper Co. Powerhouse and Dam: located off the west end of Wisconsin St.

Warren Truss Three-Span RR Bridge: located off the west end of Wisconsin St.

James Barr House?: 1420 Wisconsin St.

Bell Telephone CO. Building: 1045 Clark St.

T. W. Anderson House: 1249 Clark St.

Point Brewery: 2617 Water St.

Vetter Factory: 2116 Wood St.

Armory Building: 2442 Sims St.

Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church: 1300 Main St.

1232 Division St.: Former gasoline filling station.

Stevens Point Water Treatment Plant: WPA-era buildings and structures.

1556 Pine St.: Contemporary style duplex apartment building, built in 1961.