

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION / DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 – 4:30 p.m.

Portage County Public Library
1001 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI

PRESENT: Chairperson Beveridge, Alderperson Stroik, Commissioner Siebert, Commissioner Myers, Commissioner Kruthoff, Commissioner Hanson, and Commissioner Halsey.

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Michael Ostrowski, Tim Heggland, Joe DeRose, Adam Hulke, Carl Herrmann, Cathy Dugan, MaryJo Reed, Matthew Brown, Anton Anday, Mark Seiler, Beverly West, Shirley Multhauf, Tom Brown, Wendell Nelson, Mary Ann Laszewski, Dylan Russell, Cindy Nebel, Armin Nebel, Ruth Daniels, Michael O'Meara, Mary McComb, and Ralph Shuda

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Discussion and possible action on the following:

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1. Presentation by Joe DeRose of the Wisconsin Historical Society and Tim Heggland (consultant) on the reconnaissance survey for the City of Stevens Point.

Joe DeRose gave an overview of the Wisconsin Historical Society and the survey project. He indicated that the National Register is largely an honorific program. In order to be listed on the register, properties need to be at least 50 years of age, have historic integrity, and be significant. There is a tax credit program for properties listed on the National Register that allows individuals to claim 25% of the costs to restore historic buildings on their income taxes. The next step in the process is to apply for a grant to get some of the properties or districts listed on the National Register.

Tim Heggland presented the results of the intensive survey. He indicated that Stevens Point was the largest city in the State that had not had an intensive survey. Mr. Heggland looked at every built object to see what was potentially eligible. The reconnaissance survey ultimately surveyed 787 resources within the project area. He did not include buildings that have been previously listed. The survey also produced 5 potential historical districts: Church of the Intercession – St. Stephens R. C. Church Historic District, Church Street Residential Historic District, Clark Street – Main Street Historic District, Pine Street – Plover Street Historic District, and Sunset Fork Residential Historic District.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.