

Minutes
Village of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin
Historic Preservation Commission

January 20, 2016
Whitefish Bay Village Hall
5300 North Marlborough Drive

Roll Call

The president called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m. Present were President Jefferson Aikin and Commissioners, Ken Berg, Julie Gilpin, Tom Fehring, Tom Kindschi and Carol Krigbaum. Trustee Jay Saunders was excused.

The President noted that a quorum was present.

1. Old Business

Vote was taken to approve September 2015 minutes – Approved. President Aikin, and Commissioners Fehring and Kindschi meet in October without a quorum. No official meeting; no minutes.

2. Proposed History Press book on Whitefish Bay History

Follow up to the discussion from the October gathering; Commissioner Fehring was approached by History Press to help assemble a book on Historic Homes in Whitefish Bay. A similar book about New Albany Indiana was passed around. The Commissioner all agreed that this is a project we would like to pursue.

President Aikin will complete the application to History Press and report back on the status at our next meeting.

3. Nomination of 1512 East Hampton to AHL

Commissioner Fehring provided copies of a nomination for adding a home to the Whitefish Bay architecture and history inventory. He stated that the house at 1512 East Hampton Road is architecturally significant because it is the only true log-house in Whitefish Bay. It uses full logs for joists, supports and the handcrafted exterior log walls. The logs used for the house's exterior walls are staggered and interlocked, with the gaps between logs filled with 'chinking.'

It was noted that James F. Campbell constructed the house for his family. Campbell was a manual arts instructor in the City of Milwaukee's school system. The house has been featured at least twice in the newspaper. Both articles mention that annual tradition of placing whimsical elves around the property during the Christmas season.

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Following review of the nomination, a motion was introduced by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Commissioner Kindschi that,

WHEREAS 1612 East Hampton Road, known as the James F. Campbell Log-House, embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an true log-house style of construction and is valuable for a study of a style, method of construction, and of indigenous materials and craftsmanship,

Therefore it is RESOLVED that 1612 East Hampton Road, known as the James F. Campbell Log-House, is hereby included in the Whitefish Bay Architecture and History Inventory.

The Commission unanimously approved the Motion.

4. HPC meeting schedule

President Aikin reviewed the meeting schedule for 2016. The HPC will meet in January, February, March, April, May and June. Assuming no pressing work, HPC will take off July and August and resume meeting in September, October and November.

Meeting date will remain the third Wednesday of the month in Village Hall – Historical Room (basement).

The Commissioners decided to move the meeting start time to 7:00 p.m.

5. Discussion of “tear downs” in the Village

Commissioners noted seeing a number of demolitions recently or currently underway in the Village. President Aikin inquired with Village personnel about them – specifically about the required picture documentation.

Village officials responded that they did not have pictures; they were not required because most of these projects were not deemed demolitions. (Foundations remained)

ARC presentations do require pictures, but those photos are then given back to the homeowner and are NOT stored at Village Hall for historic preservation purposes.

Commissioners discussed concern about this fact; realize we miss having updates from ARC. It was decided that President Aikin would bring ARC agendas to our meeting each month to inform us of project so we can take pictures/ensure pictures are taken and stored.

Commissioners also discussed how Google Maps might be of assistance.

Joel Oesterich from the Village will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss.

6. New Business

Commissioner Fehring mentioned there is an effort underway to look into updates on Silver Spring:

- Recent survey results were presented at a meeting he was asked to attend on January 19, 2016.
- Future plans/goals unclear at this time

Commission Fehring was made aware of a 90 year old, long time WFB resident, Joan Robertson. Plans are being made to sit down and talk with her/interview her to learn about her life in the Bay over the last 8 + decades.

Adjourn

Commissioner Berg, seconded by Commissioner Gilpin, adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m. with a motion.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2016

NOTE NEW TIME OF 7PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie K. Gilpin
Secretary