

Minutes
Village of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin
Historic Preservation Commission

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

Roll Call

The president called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were President Jefferson Aikin and Commissioners Tom Fehring, Julie Gilpin and Tom Kindschi. Commissioners Ken Berg and Carol Krigbaum as well as Trustee Jay Saunders were excused. ARC liaison Charles Buscher was also present as well as a guest from Whitefish Bay High School.

The President noted that a quorum was present.

1. Old Business

Vote was taken to approve the February 17, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Fehring made that motion and Commissioner Kindschi seconded it. Approved.

2. Update on photos of razed properties

President Aikin led a discussion about his meeting with the Village Manager about tightening up the ordinances regarding demolition and photo retention. The Manager feels any additional requirements would be too much work for all involved and does NOT support a change to the ordinances at this time.

At this time, Joel has agreed to RETAIN the photos that come to ARC. This solves the problem in practice, but not by law.

The Commission discussed whether or not we should go back to the VM and then the Trustees about making a change to the ordinance. HPC would feel better if the practice was the rule – in writing.

Commissioners agreed that a central issue is WHAT projects are deemed “demolition” versus remodel.

3. Proposed History Press book on Whitefish Bay History

President Aikin shared results of communication with the publisher regarding using color photos in the book, chapter set up etc. The Commission discussed potential chapter

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organization, having the book available to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Whitefish Bay and how many copies the Historical Society might purchase.

President Aikin will go back to publisher for and with more information.

4. Old Schoolhouse Park project with Civic Foundation

Commissioner Gilpin reported on the April 8, 2016 meeting she attended. Design ideas for the park were presented. The Committee will meet again in May or early June for cost estimates and further discussion.

5. New Business

Commissioner Fehring brought to items to the HPC:

- Powell Building (Bay Bakery Building) owners gave him historical framed photos of Silver Spring that once hung in their space. They now belong to the Historical Society and Commissioner Fehring will ask to have them hung in the Historical Room in the Basement of Village Hall.
- He occasionally goes to eBay looking for Whitefish Bay resort items. Recently found MANY old Whitefish Bay photos for sale. They are from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. He will ask if one is purchasing simply the photo or the photo and right to publish. He will ask about a deal to purchase several photos.

Adjourn

Commissioner Gilpin, seconded by Commissioner Fehring, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:52 p.m. with a motion.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie K. Gilpin
Secretary