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**Community Development
MINUTES**

Joint

Historic Preservation Commission / Park Board Meeting

December 21, 2011

6:30 p.m. City Hall- Lewis Room

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 5:45 p.m

Members present: Audrey Alton, Daniel Geister, Jeanne Zirbel, David Reese, Heidi, Rushmann and Kirby Symes

Members absent: Betty Most (excused)

Staff present: Tony Steiner, City Planner

Others present: Cate Sering, Cindi Danke, Recreation Coordinator, Park Board Members- Susan Reese, Jim Nordgren, Dan Pittman, Bob Ebert and Brenda Gaulke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Approval of November 2011 Minutes were deferred

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

OLD BUSINESS – Joint Meeting with Park board to discuss Glover School House

Jeanne Zirbel and Heidi Rushmann presented their ideas for the Glover School House to the Joint Committee. The following ideas were presented:

- Objective: Turn the schoolhouse into a working museum that is open to the public, and will be a field trip destination for local third graders.
- Recreate the atmosphere of the one room country school. Student groups could come for the day...about 10am-2pm with lunch at noon. The cost per student would be \$2.00.
- Using primary sources, like the census, introduce the people of the past. Other sources are photographs/slides, books, documents, and artifacts. A hands-on approach is best.
- Curriculum will address the use of current DPI standards for social studies at the appropriate grade level. Working with the school district, and the UWRF education and history departments would ensure that meaningful and relevant learning is happening.
- When the kids are at the museum, they will learn what it was like in the “old days” by doing. Multidisciplinary topics can be approached with old methods.
- Time period 1850-1950

- Future expansion could include other buildings like a barn and a house/cabin and an outhouse (with plumbing.) Here other aspects of pioneer life and RF history can be explored. Perhaps in the prairie section of the park, Native American Ojibwa/Dakota history could be highlighted.
- What entity is best suited to run a history museum in RF? The City, RFHPC, SCCHS, PCHS, UWRF, the park board or the school district?
- Perhaps members of all these organizations should branch off and create a River Falls History Museum Board of Directors. A new non-profit organization could be founded.
- Funding? Grants, admission, membership...
- Items needed to begin: Desks, chairs, chalk, erasers, photos of Lincoln and Washington, cursive alphabet, globe, maps, teacher's desk, radio, lunch pails, costumes, books, games, slates, potbellied stove, school bell.....and many more!!

NEW BUSINESS –

Agenda Items for January 12, 2011

1. Proposal for Historic Homes and Buildings Survey – Dan Geister
2. Work assignments for Historic Building Inventory List –Jeanne Zirbel
3. Inventory list for Historic Homes –Jeanne Zirbel

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Steiner, City Planner