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**Community Development
MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
May 11, 2011
6:30 p.m. City Hall- Kinni Room**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Tony Steiner, City Planner

Others present: Marge Stokke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

MSC Symes/Most to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting- Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Marge Stokke was present and brought to the attention of the Commission an article in the May 2011 issue of Preservation Magazine. She noted that the Feds place no restrictions on property that is designated on the National Register. However there are restrictions on properties that use Federal funds for preservation.

NEW BUISNESS-

Welcome New HPC Member Dave Reese

The HPC welcomed Council Member Dave Reese to the Commission. The City Council reorganizes each year and as part of the reorganization, Council Member Morrissette has been appointed to the Plan Commission and Council Member Reese has taken his place.

OLD BUISNESS-

Historic Plaque application for 811 Oak Knoll

Tony updated the Commission on the status of this project. The plaque has been ordered and the Commission will meet at 811 Oak Knoll at 5:30 p.m. on June 8th for a tour by the property owner. The plaque is expected to be shipped to the City near the end of May.

Review of Updated Draft chronology of Rossel Building and Narrative for Tremont Building

The Commission reviewed changes to the chronology for the Rossel building. Changes included correcting the business name for Dale Viney, date of operation for the Grim Insurance and the addition of the of the business owners name for St. Croix Pawn Shop. Heidi presented a draft of the narrative for the Tremont Building. The commission reviewed and made minor changes. Heidi will forward final draft to Tony.

HPC Ice Cream Social

The commission discussed the ice cream social set for Town and Country Day (June 16th). The original concept of having it in front of the railroad depot was changed due to concerns raised by the current property owner Matt Frisbie. The new site will be the City Hall Plaza. The time of the event was set for 1:00p.m to 3:00p.m. Tony will arrange for ice cream and will have the plaza reserved for this time. Members will be working on historical displays and a walking tour of historical in the City.

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Jeanne discussed her meeting with Buddy and Frank Butterfield, Director of the Wisconsin Field Office for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Mr. Butterfield discussed grant programs and financial incentives available for historic preservation projects. Materials were distributed to the Commission members with their packets and a brief discussion took place.

NEW BUSINESS –

Agenda Items for June 8, 2011

1. Field Visit to 811 Oak Knoll
2. Finalize Plans and Logistics for Ice Cream Social
3. Review of Language for Downtown Plaques

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7.50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Steiner, City Planner