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**Community Development
MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
October 12, 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, Kirby Symes,
Heidi Rushmann
Members absent: Dave Reese (excused)
Staff present: Tony Steiner, City Planner
Others present: Cate Sering

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

MSC Rushmann/Symes to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting- Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Cate Sering, Assistant Archivist at UWRF introduced herself and expressed an interest in joining the Historic Preservation Commission. Presently there is an opening on the Commission. The Commission thanked her for her interest and asked her to submit a letter to the Mayor.

Jeanne Zirbel received communication from Marge Stoke who was unable to attend the meeting. Marge expressed her concern about houses that are being razed for new construction have not come to the Commission for review. Tony stated that he will research the procedure and report back to the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS –

Final Review of Language and Pictures for Plaques

- Lamm Building- Minor changes were made to the draft language. Owner is concerned with the placement of the plaque on building. Staff will work with the owner to find an appropriate place for display.
- Falls Theater- Commission discussed layout for picture and reviewed several different photos. The Commission would like the engraving to be at an angle with the marquee displaying “Gone With the Wind” and the Falls Theatre sign displayed above the marquee.
- Brackett Building- The Commission reviewed a draft chronology of the building. Several changes were made to the verbiage. A historic picture showing a perspective of the building was chosen for the plaque. Staff will take additional pictures to provide architectural detail to the building.
Betty will speak to owner

Background Information on Grant Research Process

Staff attended a workshop at the State historic Preservation conference and briefly reviewed information on “Finding Foundation Grants.” Detailed information was enclosed in Commission packets. A brief discussion took place. Dan also attended and gave a brief report.

Disposition of Historic Plaque for Lunds Hardware

Fred and Yvonne Benson's current plan is to keep the plaque. Betty will talk to them. The City has an interest in the plaque and would like to preserve it. The City will work with new owner to find an appropriate place on site. The City will preserve any architectural elements of the building that the Commission may want to save when the building is razed. Dan, Jeanne and Betty will tour the building with the Benson's and report back.

NEW BUSINESS –

Agenda Items for November 9, 2011

1. Glover Station
2. Final Review- Cost Estimates for Plaques
3. Historic Inventory of City

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Steiner, City Planner