HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JOINT MEETING WITH PARK BOARD)
March 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm
CITY HALL TRAINING ROOM
AGENDA

CALL HPC/PB MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES
Minutes of the January 11, 2023, meeting.

HPC MEMBER VOLUNTEER HOUR REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

JOINT MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. The Glen sign
2. Glover Station School
3. 125th Birthday Party for Glen Park

HPC DISCUSSION ITEMS
4. Admin Updates
5. Library Exhibit
6. HPC Presentation to the RF Social Club
7. CLG Grant Application Update
8. Glover Station School sign/photos
9. Next Interpretive sign - “Kinni Bridges”

ACTION ITEMS

CALENDAR
Next Historic Preservation Commission meeting April 12, 2023, in the City Hall Training Room.

ADJOURNMENT
Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only. No official Council action will be taken.

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MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm
CITY HALL TRAINING ROOM

HPC Members Present: Heidi Heinze, Jayne Hoffman, Mark Anderson, Julie Huebel, and Pam Friede
HPC Members Absent: Jeff Bjork – Council Rep (excused)
Staff Present: Kendra Ellner – Planner
Others Present:

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting convened at 6:02 p.m.

HPC MEMBER VOLUNTEER HOUR REPORT
Heinze – 45 mins
Hoffman – 5 hours
Huebel – 45 mins
Anderson – 1 hour

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE December 14, 2022, MEETING
Huebel wanted clarification on the language that was written for the Library exhibit item- “Huebel added that HPC should have a portal or mailbox for people to submit“. Huebel hoped it did not sound like a commitment that she or the group had to do. Ellner conveyed that it was not intending to sound like an obligation, it was written to inform and document the idea. The group was in consensus that the language was non-committal.

Heinze noted that item #4 Glover School the company for scanning and printing the maps was in the Grain Belt Brewery building not Green. Ellner acknowledged and to make the change.

M/ Friede S/ Hoffman 5-0 motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items
Hoffman brought up a discussion she had with the River Falls Social Club, the gentleman who runs it Mark, invited HPC to do multiple events such as presentations and walking tours for the group. Hoffman said the group does one meeting a month and other social activities around the City. HPC discussed the proposed dates and will double check with Mark. Heinze, Huebel and Mark Anderson offered their availability for the different events to assist Hoffman. The presentations should be between approximately 30-60mins. Heinze mentioned that five events were a lot to commit for HPC and they are happy and willing but would be a lot to do within 3 months. Heinze suggested to Hoffman to share
Mark’s contact info with Heinze to confirm activities and commit to only a few days. Hoffman also shared the potential activities, because there is a pamphlet made for the Cemetery which they could use for the walking tour. The Library Exhibit should be available therefore that can be an easy activity. Then they can do a presentation for the First River Falls families; which Hoffman added that she learned the Mapes Brothers originally bought the property and sold it to Foster’s. HPC agreed those are some good activity ideas. Hoffman said there is between 20-40 people in the group but it’s totally voluntary so it’s uncertain the people that will show up to certain topics. HPC will put on the next agenda to firm up dates, times, topics, and locations. Potentially - April 10th for the library exhibit. July 29th presentation and walking tour. August 16th first families of RF. August 19th the following Saturday walk to Foster Cemetery.

Anderson mentioned the River Falls Public Library as an entity has a 100-year anniversary coming up, and the current location used to be a hospital. Heinze clarified that the current building has only been around 25 years. Heinze suggested it should be incorporated into the Library exhibit. Heinze asked if there was there a request, but Anderson said it was more about finding historic photos of what used to be where the current library stands.

Heinze mentioned the History Advocacy Day email and discussed the details of the event. WI lawmakers will be at the WI capital (in Madison) to chat about local history on March 22nd. Heinze said it’s a good way to network with the state historic society and local representatives to garner more support and connections. Ellner confirmed that HPC members can get reimbursed for gas. Heinze asked if the group received the email, but others were not sure. Ellner will share the email and will request to receive confirmation from members to set up the travel reimbursement.

Ellner shared some IT files for the old TV station to be archived with Pierce County Historical Association (PCHA). Heinze asked about the media that was taken and stored with PCHA last year. Huebel said there’s many different types of media to go through and that they may need to be stored in acid free or special containers. Heinze offered, if the budget allows, that HPC could purchase some materials for PCHA to help store the items. Huebel stated archival supplies does add up and that would be really helpful. However, there are many items to go through so it hasn’t been determined what is exactly needed but Huebel will keep HPC in the loop.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Library Exhibit
Hoffman commented that she went through the ideas they had shared from the December meeting and confirmed the items that were close to completion, but some artifacts still need to be found.

Huebel suggested to display paintings and HPC could scan them in, it does not have to be the original.

Hoffman found some items on indigenous peoples, such as maps of the paths they traveled on. Anderson mentioned a woman named Katy Chaffey that has a connection to a Native American with a bow and spear collection from Prescott. Hoffman said that’s a wonderful connection and hope to connect with the resources because it’s a big topic, which she wants to be as historically accurate as possible.

Heinze thanked Hoffman for her hard work and said there is not other topics to add besides what was discussed during the December meeting. Heinze also mentioned that for the exhibit there were 55
images purchased from Hub 70. Ellner clarified that the purchase might not have been included in the 2022 budget because it was past the deadline. Heinze recommended since there was a surplus of money last year; HPC should make a short wish list of back burner projects, and if the budget allows at the end of the 2-year cycle, they can have a plan for what to do with the extra money even though it goes back into the General Fund HPC could use it since it’s allocated to them.

Heinze and Hoffman discussed additional purchases to keep track of as they work through the Library Exhibit. Heinze said the Library anniversary could be added to the display but need to confirm the exact date. Anderson said that he did a search through the Library of Congress and recalled 1922. Hoffman felt confident that there was an established Library Association before that in River Falls whether it was in a house or small building she wasn’t sure but was thinking it was in the late 1800s. Heinze said they can schedule a time to dive into this further.

2. CLG Grant Application Update
Heinze shared that there are not really any new updates. Except that Heinze shared current photos of the two homes to the WI Historic Society (WHS) representative and WHS will be officially scoring all applications and sharing results soon.

Anderson said he hopes the next round HPC can get more support from the eligible churches. Heinze agreed and said that she hopes HPC does get the award and maybe that will spark more support in the community. Heinze acknowledged that Huebel’s idea from a previous meeting highlighting the properties already on the National Register could be beneficial for garnering more support. Huebel suggested that a potential walking tour for the properties in River Falls that are on the National Register could be made to share the history and get more attention. HPC was in consensus and will wait for a response from WHS.

3. Glover Station sign
Heinze mentioned there wasn’t really any new information and weren’t any new photos submitted. Hoffman suggested reaching out to potential families with a letter. Heinze asked from the last HPC meeting it was discussed that Jeff Bjork mentioned a Betty Johnson. Anderson recalled and said Betty Johnson is her maiden name and she could be found under Betty Merriman. Hoffman said it sounds familiar, but HPC agreed Bjork should reach out to her. Heinze said HPC will still spend time to find more information and pictures in the next few months but if there is nothing by spring then HPC will move on.

Heinze shared she was dismayed about how it’s been so difficult to find photos especially since many of the people are probably still alive. Huebel talked about how PCHA preserves some photos from historic schools but it’s a matter of luck because some families value memory preservation more than others. Heinze suggested HPC should put an article in the paper Pierce County Journal or Star Observer.
Anderson mentioned the book Remembering Rural Schools of St. Croix County. Ellner suggested to reach out to St. Croix County maybe they know someone who knows someone. Huebel said if anyone hears about if there are any additional copies of the book it would be nice to have as well. HPC agreed to do more research and hope to come back with a better result next meeting.

4. The Glen Sign/ Next design(s) for Interpretive Sign Series
Ellner shared the final proof with the group. HPC praised the design. Heinze said they should do an unveiling in May because it’s Historic Preservation Month, which could also be a part of the 125th Anniversary of Glen Park. Hoffman asked if Park Board would be responsible for planning
the anniversary of Glen park. Ellner suggested that HPC do a joint meeting with Park Board in March, HPC was in consensus.

In relation to the next sign series, Ellner shared information about the Vibrant Spaces Grant that the City is pursuing to apply for by end of the month for Inlow Park and how HPC can be involved. Ellner shared details about the project and the letter of support written, a motion was needed for confirmation to pursue the grant with HPC support. HPC was in consensus and made a motion (see action item). Anderson mentioned it could be a site-specific sign that shows the changes over the years. However, while the grant is in process Ellner recommended that HPC continue to pursue the next interpretive sign design of their choice and wait and see what happens with this grant.

Ellner shared an aerial of the site and Anderson mentioned within the proximity of Inlow Park there is an old train depot on private property that would be amazing for another sign. HPC was intrigued but would have to wait until or unless the property owner allowed public access.

Anderson shared his other ideas for potential signs that are more tangible in the near future. He said another sign could by Pine St. potentially along the river to share historic bridges. Another sign could be near the fishing pier on Lake George along the Kinnickinnic Pathway and share stories about floods and storms. Heinze questioned how that area may change in the upcoming years with the potential for the dam removal and restoration of the river. Huebel suggested that if HPC pursued a bridge sign there should be markers for where the bridges used to be along the river with pictures. HPC discussed back and forth whether to do floods or bridges, then Heinze asked which one Anderson would like to work on. HPC was in consensus to start working on bridges since they are more of a tangible object. Next steps are to slowly start gathering pictures and pursue the topic of bridges.

**ACTION ITEMS**

5. **2023 Work Plan**

HPC discusses projects on the work plan. There was nothing to add. Therefore a motion was made: M/ Friede, S/ Anderson 5-0 motion passes

**Item #4** - M/ Friede S/ Anderson 5-0 motion passes for the support letter.

Adjourned at 7:18pm
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JOINT MEETING WITH PARK BOARD)
March 8, 2023
STAFF REPORT

JOINT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

1. The Glen Sign
   HPC and Park Board will discuss the timeline for installation and unveiling of the sign at Glen Park. See attached images.

2. Glover Station School
   HPC will share their ideas they have been compiling for the Glover Station School. They are having difficulty finding historic photos, but they have some newspaper clippings. See current Glover Station School photo, newspaper clippings, potential sign design(s) and last known image of the sign attached. They welcome Park Board’s thoughts.

3. 125th Birthday Party for Glen Park
   HPC and Park Board will discuss plans for the anniversary of Glen Park on July 15, 2023. More information attached.

HPC AGENDA ITEMS

4. Admin Updates
   a. Budget
      Staff will provide an update on the HPC budget.
   b. Glen Park and Train Captions
      HPC will share the status on the captions produced for the inside the Glen Park Pavilion photos and the Train Depot in City Hall.

5. Library Exhibit
   HPC will continue to discuss details of the display exhibit in the library. There are many opportunities to share unheard stories, showcase historic artifacts and create stronger connections with Pierce County Historical Association (PCHA) and the River Falls community. Updates on artifacts, photos, pricing, and sizes will be shared at the meeting, see details attached.

6. Social Club Dates
   HPC has been in discussion with the River Falls Social Club to do some presentations and walking tours. Activity updates will be shared with the group.

7. CLG Grant Application
   HPC has been awarded $12,000 for the two individual properties requested to be nominated for the National Register. Next steps will be discussed with the group. See more information attached.

8. Next Design for Interpretive Sign Series – “Kinni Bridges”
   HPC will discuss the direction for next design theme and locations for the interpretive sign series “Kinni Bridges”. See preview attached.
ACTION ITEMS
- The Glen Sign
- 125th Birthday Party for Glen Park

EXHIBITS:

Agenda Item #1 – The Glen Sign
**Agenda Item #2 – Glover Station School**

The direction for Glover Station is a sign approximately 76" x 22" or 60" x 14" in size to possibly hang in front of the window or make it a smaller sign to mount on the triangular section above the door. They intend to also provide images inside such as historic maps, and some narrative information on the outside kiosk.

**Newspaper Clippings**

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**HALLOWE’EN PARTY OCT. 27, AT GLOVER STATION SCHOOL**

There will be Hallowe’en party and Shadow Social on Friday evening, Oct. 27, at the **Glover Station schoolhouse**.

Ladies are requested to bring box lunches and cups for two. Coffee will be served free of charge.

Everyone is welcome.

Alma R. Medtome, Teacher.

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**THE RIVER FALLS JOURNAL**

They will make a product map as soon as they are through.

The 3’s and 4’s Language class have made Hallowe’en covers for the booklet containing the story that they wrote in class.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Segerstrom, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Woods drove to Martell Sunday to see Mr. Woods' father who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gifford and children called at the Will Godden home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. L. Chapman, Mrs. Albert Dahliquist and Miss Marjorie, called at the Henry Day home Monday afternoon.

Miss Emma Overby of Ellsworth is spending a few weeks at the Albert Dahliquist home.

Members of the J. L. Chapman, Sr., and W. A. Chapman families are sick with the grippe.

Miss Helen Vangen spent Monday and Tuesday with her sister, Miss Ann Vangen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lowe and children spent Sunday with relatives in New Richmond.

Rev. Paul Nygren, Mrs. Ed. Johnson and Miss Helen Hartfield were dinner guests at the Albert Dahliquist home on Saturday.

Miss Ruby Enloe is at home enjoying a week's vacation from the Globe Business College.

Maynard and Mary Enloe drove to St. Paul Friday afternoon.

Mrs. J. L. Chapman, Jr., spent Saturday in the cities.

The Glover Station school closed Tuesday for the Easter vacation.

Our next Community Club meeting comes on April 14. Don't forget to come. We are to have an exceptionally good program. The South Fork Club are putting on a play "The Traveling Photographer," and a group of boys under Professor May's direction are coming out to give us a poultry demonstration, there will be several vocal selections by Jack Miliken. Ice cream and cake will be served.

GLOVER STATION SCHOOL

Mary B. Bush, Teacher

Our school opened Tuesday, September 8, with an enrollment of 26, 4 of whom, Lowell Gifford, Eugene Hamilton, Fletcher Segerstrom and Miles Stauffacher, are beginners.

Our school society has been organized and will meet every two weeks. The officers, who hold their positions for one month, are: Daniel Graf, President; Anna Segerstrom, Vice-Pres.; Florence Woods, Secretary. The entertainment committee, Fern Enloe, Hortense Segerstrom and Halley Stauffacher, arranged the program for last Friday afternoon. The following visitors were present: Joyce Chapman, Marjorie Dahliquist, Mrs. Enloe. Ruby Enloe, Mrs. Dahliquist, Mrs. Gifford, and Dorothy Jean Gifford.

The 3rd and 4th graders have fixed and Indian village on the sand table as part of their Geography work.

Many from school attended the Ellsworth fair for a day.

The Physiology class have finished two large posters as part of their study of bones.

The 6's and 7's Geography class has completed a produce map of Brazil.

Holley Stauffacher was absent 3 days of last week while he took his calf to the Ellsworth fair.

The 5's and 6's Arithmetic class are very busy with fractions.

The 7's and 8's are collecting weeds to be mounted in an exhibit for credit work in Agriculture.

MONUMENT SCHOOL
COMMUNITY CLUB IS ORGANIZED AT GLOVER

Mrs. J. L. Chapman, Jr., Heads New Organization—Sixty-three Members Join

A Community Club has been organized by the people living in the neighborhood of the Glover Station school and at a recent meeting the following officers were elected:

President—Myrtle Chapman
Vice-Pres.—Stephen Enloe
Secretary—Kathryn Lowe
Treasurer—Clark Hunter
Sgt.-at-Arms—Walter Chapman.

The Club met at the Glover schoolhouse Tuesday evening and enjoyed the following program:

Duet—Hugh Lowe; Walter Chapman
Extemporary Speech—Mrs. F. B. Hanson
Vocal Solo—John Stockdale
Story Contest—Robt. and Maynard Enloe
Organ Solo—Kathryn Chapman
Debate: Resolved: That All Women Should Bob Their Hair.”
Affirmative—Kathryn Chapman; John Chapman, Jr.
Negative—Harry Peirce; Mrs. Clark Hunter. Judges decided in favor of the affirmative team.

At the organization meeting sixty-three members signed. With this number of faithful members the Club should certainly be a success.

If in need of any printing in the printed line, call the Journal, the home of Quality Job Printing. The best work at reasonable prices.

GLOVER STATION SCHOOL

Mary B. Bush. Teacher

The 7’s and 8’s History class is studying about the Annexation of Texas and the Mexican War.

The Grammar class is memorizing “The Chambered Nautilus.” by Oliver Wendall Holmes.

Our visitors last week were Joyce Chapman, Marjorie Dahlquist, Mrs. Gifford and Dorothy Jean Gifford.

Iola Gifford was absent Monday because of illness.

The 5th grade Geography class have finished a product map of the Middle Atlantic section. They are now working on the North Central states.

The Physiology class is comparing the heart of man with the various animals.

We have started a “sleep-enough” campaign in school. Everyone is busy counting the hours that he sleeps each night.

The school society met last Friday afternoon. We had a program after our business meeting and played games for a time after school.

The Agriculture class are going to mount their weed specimens this week. Each member of the class has 20 different kinds of weeds.

Eugene Hamilton won the large star given in the 1’s Reading class for speed work.

The 1’s and 2’s language class cleaned up the school grounds last week. They had talked about ways of keeping our lawn and school neat, so after class they went to work outside.

7’s and 8’s, Reporters.
The school society held its monthly election last Friday. Our new officers are as follows: Lola Gifford, president, Hortense Segerstrom, vice-president; Anna Segerstrom, secretary.

Miss Jorstad visited our meeting.

The 5th and 6th grade Arithmetic class are watching their progress by means of a weekly graph.

The 6’s and 7’s Geography class have just finished a product map of Norway and Sweden. They are also working in their project notebooks.

The 7’s and 8’s Reading class have just finished “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.” They are now reading “The Story of Wisconsin.”

The Civics class has just finished a map of Troy Township, putting in the sections, railroads, and roads.

The 3’s and 4’s Geography class are making a Thanksgiving sand-table. They are showing the Pilgrims as they landed at Plymouth Rock and were greeted by the Indians.

GLOVER STATION SCHOOL

Mary B. Bush, Teacher

We have four new practice teachers this week. We have Elfie Myhren and Olive Vrunk mornings, and Marion Brown and Nora Hurtgen afternoons.

The 7’s and 8’s History class have started work on their project note-
GLOVER STATION SCHOOL

Mary B. Bush, Teacher

The 7's and 8's History class are making a transportation portion. On it they are comparing early modes of transportation with those of the present day.

In Reading the 7's and 8's are studying "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.

The school society meets next Friday afternoon.

The 3's and 4's Geography class are keeping a weather calendar this month.

Joyce Chapman visited school Friday afternoon.

The bus broke down one morning last week, so two of our practice teachers were late.

The 1's and 2's have made a Hallowe'en sandtable. It contains cornshocks, pumpkins, Jack o' Lanterns, ghosts and witches.

The 5's Geography class are studying the products of the United States.

Next week our practice teachers from the Normal start coming to us. We are all anxious for them to start.

Mr. Goodell and Miss Noth visited the school Monday afternoon.

The 7's and 8's Grammar class are having poem study.

The 3's and 4's Language class is finishing the Hiawatha booklets that were made in connection with Geography work.

Last Friday afternoon the school club gave a surprise party at school for the Woods children and Marvel Miller. They are leaving to attend school in River Falls. This brings our enrollment down to 22.

A great many are absent this week because of potato picking.

Wayne and Dale Gifford are still unable to come to school.

We have six plants that have been brought to school by the children.

Monday we made some crepe paper covers for the pots.

George Chapman and Juanita Woods visited school Friday afternoon.

The Community Club met at the school house Tuesday night.
Current photo
Potential designs for the signage

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GOODBYE to the one-room school house will be said by many youngsters on Friday of this week, like this group of youngsters who showed how they will probably bid goodbye to their teacher, Mrs. McLaughlin and the Glover Station one-room country school this Friday.
**Agenda Item #3 – 125th Birthday Party for Glen Park**

As early as the 1880s, the idea of a park on the south side of the glen was being discussed, but it took until July 15, 1898 when Normal School Professor Brier led a committee before the River Falls City Council, that action was taken. Immediate approval was given by the Council for the purchase of 21 acres of land south of the falls and glen in an area known as the "Powell Woods."

**Warren J. Brier**
President 1898-1909

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**Agenda Item #5 – Library Exhibit**

The exhibit is scheduled to be displayed in May and up for at least a year, with the possibility of a more permanent situation.

- Likely a partnership with the Pierce County Historical Association (PCHA). Perhaps HPC can "sponsor" or "host" PCHA, and both logos would be present.
- Possible “share your story” collaboration with the community to share their River Falls memories and stories.

There are 2 display cases upstairs to fill with temporary exhibits that can be changed out periodically. Ideas include:

- Views from the Mound and info on the Walker Farm and Quarry, Walking Tour/Map of the historic Riverfront structures, and Tubbs' Medicine artifacts.

The lower level has a lot of space to be filled, with the corner stage open area, 6 large cases with glass doors and shelves (6'x4') 4 tabletops under glass (4'x2') and 10 wall mounted cases behind glass (4'x1'). Some ideas for exhibits downstairs include:
• Postcard/postmark/mail collection, Main Street, The Mills, The Kinni, The Circus Tragedy, City founders - Powell Brothers, etc. This is also a good opportunity to include some diverse voices from the past with some untold stories of RF history: Native Americans pre-RF settlement, African American families in RF and barber shops, Chinese families in RF and laundries, women in business in RF on Main St. - folk artist Mollie Jenson, and female doctors in town.

Agenda Item #7 – CLG Application Update

The HPC submitted an application for a subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to hire a consultant to pursue two individually eligible properties located in River Falls for the National Register for Historic Places:

1. Susan Harden Edwards and Erick Edwards – 108 S. 6th St

2. Barbara Kolpin – 220 S. 4th St.

CLG grant application was submitted on December 19, 2022 and the award of $12,000 was granted to HPC on February 27th for the two individually eligible properties to be nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. There are nine steps in the process that staff and HPC will work on for the next year to proceed with hiring a consultant and finalize the designation for the properties.

Agenda Item #8 – Next design for Interpretive Sign Series – “Kinni Bridges”

![KinnicKinnic Bridges](Image)