HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR 28 NOVEMBER 2006

Present: Bower, Jelinek, Marshall, Shannon, Mueller, Moser.

Absent: Andreae.

President Bower called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The Minutes of 28 March 2006 were unanimously approved as printed. [Jalinek/Mueller]

Bower reported that he had attended the spring meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions, held in Sauk City on 8 April 2006. He reported hearing several interesting bits of news from other commissions. A common problem seems to be the public misperception that listing a property on a historic register removes the owner's right "to do anything" with the property. People with that idea should read the Ordinance to see how limited the Commission's powers actually are.

Bower reported that he had received an application for a listing from Richard and Suzanne Unbehaun, 392 N. Park. Bower suggested that the public hearing not be held in December because the date would be Dec. 26. Subsequently, Moser moved, Shannon seconded, that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, 23 January 2007, for the Unbehaun application and any additional applications that might be received in time to be included in the hearing. The motion was unanimously approved.

In discussing the Unbehaun application we noted the splendid job the Unbehauns had done in matching the exterior siding and shakes when they made an addition to the original building.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of our List of Prospects.

Rudy & Bonnie Laue 420 N. Park Bower had contacted and provided an application but the Laues have decided not to list their home.

Mike & Mary Jo Nigl 420 N. Park Andreae had agreed to contact but was absent. Marshall said he might have a chance to ask about their interest.

Ruettens N. Park They were discussing adding a garage & wanted to wait until completed. Marshall will recontact.

Jim & Robin Nelson 565 N. Central Moser looked at the abstract and found that Krouskops owned the land where Nelson's house is located, but couldn't determine whether Krouskops had built the home. [Joe Kelly, former postmaster, built the Corcoran home, located next door.] Bower agreed to contact Nelsons about a listing.

Wesley S. & Michelle Harwick 590 E. Third [Rudy Everson home] No action taken.

Janine Crary 576 N. Cedar [The "doll house"] Bower will contact about listing.

Frank & Julie Ward 439 E. Second Bower contacted but call was not returned. Shannon will contact again.

Richard and Almarie Schwarting 499 E. Second Bower contacted and met with them. They are working on an application. Bower will contact to learn progress.

Bower has supplied Cheryl Stanley with a second set of materials and is trying to followup but his call has not been returned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM. [Mueller/Moser, unanimous of course!]

NEXT MEETING 23 JANUARY 2007.

Minutes prepared by Jerry Bower

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES 28 MARCH 2006

Present: Andreae, Bower, Jelinek, Mueller, & Bonnie Arbegust

Absent: Marshall, Moser, Shannon.

President Bower called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and noted that a quorum was present

The Minutes of 28 February 2006 were approved as printed. [Jelinek/Mueller]

The public hearing on the application of Lon & Bonnie Arbegust to have the Fred & Julia Bowen Carriage House listed on the Local Register of Historic Places was convened at 7:05 PM. The commissioners had reviewed the application during their previous meeting and were excited about the opportunity to list one of the few remaining carriage houses in the city. It was a bonus in that the Fred & Julia Bowen house had been the second property listed on the Local Register, in 1998.

Bonnie Arbegust told us what they had been able to learn about the carriage house. Kent Houck had supplied a photograph taken in 1915 or 1916 which showed the carriage house in the background, so the structure must have been built in the early 1900s. The Arbegusts think it was built when the Ross family barn, located where Peace United Methodist has its parking lot, was torn down. [Julia Ross Bowen ties the house and carriage house to the Ross family.] The Arbegusts had the structure totally restored, including the crumbling foundation. The hooks for tying the horses are still intact, as is the "chute" in the hay loft floor for tossing hay down to the horses. Bonnie noted that the carriage house has two doors, so the horses never had to be backed out, something which horses do not like to do. The cement watering trough outside is also intact; Bonnie has converted it into a raised garden bed.

After a bit of conversation, the commissioners voted unanimously to add the Fred & Julia Bowen Carriage House to the Local Register. [Andreae/Jelinek]

Jerry will inform Dick Wilson to install the plaque.

Jerry will check the inventory of plaques, in case more need to be ordered.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM. The next meeting will occur at the call of the President.

Minutes prepared by Jerry Bower

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR 28 FEBRUARY 2006

Present: Bower, Andreae, Shannon, Jelinek, Moser, Mueller, Marshall

Absent: None

Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Minutes of 25 October 2005 were unanimously approved. [Shannon/Andreae]

Our discussion of future listings led to the following prospects:

Richard & Suzanne Unbehaun 392 N. Park

Rudy & Bonnie Laue 420 N. Park

Mike & Mary Jo Nigl 361 N. Park [Rod will speak to Rudy Nigl]

Don & Connie Jones Castle on Seminary [Rod will speak to Connie]

Ruettens N. Park [Lee will recontact]

Jim & Robin Nelson 565 N. Central [Ruth will contact Wis. Title about abstract]

Wesley S. & Michelle Harwick 590 E. Third [The Rudy Everson home]

Janine Crary 516 N. Cedar

Frank & Julie Ward 439 E. Second

Richard & Almarie Schwarting 499 E. Second

The proposed loan information letter, to be sent to each owner of a property listed on the local register, was unanimously endorsed. [Shannon/Moser] Jerry will send the letters.

Renewal of the Commission's membership in the WAHPC and the National Trust for Historic Preservation was unanimously approved. [Jelinek/Marshall]

After review of the current "walking tour" brochure, we decided that the changes were not significant enough to warrant an addendum sheet.

We reviewed the application of Lon & Bonnie Arbegust to list their restored Carriage House on the local register. We decided to hold the public hearing on this application at the outset of our next regular meeting, 7:00 PM, 28 March 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Minutes prepared by Jerry Bower