

## **HPC Meeting June 5, 2017 6:30 p.m.**

Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson

**Present:** Julia Chady, Tammy Doellstedt, Vern Zech **Absent:** Julia Ince, Jim Jorgenson

1. Motion by Vern Z. to accept May minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julia C, passed unanimously. No corrections. Minutes are published at [fortpreserves.org](http://fortpreserves.org).

2. Treasurer's Report -City Account current balance \$1067.00 (pending \$40 invoice for WAHPC membership). Fort Community Foundation Report. Water Tower Tour Donations of \$18.10. New Balance \$7063.53.

### **Old Business**

3. Local Landmarks- Fort Atkinson Club Nomination Meeting to be held Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Hearing to be held at The Club, 211 South Water Street East. All commission members will be in attendance. Neighbors, city officials, and media have been notified. Tammy has prepared an agenda and the application. Julia will bring treats and compile a binder with the clubs nomination papers for the Federal Register Listing and other information. Vern will investigate the costs of the plaque for the Club. This will be the 14 Local Landmark, the first structure nominated since 2008. This needs to be a greater focus of the commission during the upcoming year.

### 4. Water Tower

a. Tour Report-June 3 tour cancelled due to lightning and rain. Will not be rescheduled. In future please call the Museum at 563-7769 if cancelling the day of the tour. They received several calls about the tour. Vern did post it on our Facebook page. Next tour : Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10-Noon and July 4<sup>th</sup> from Noon-3. The announcement of July tour dates will be on the Jones Park sign.

b. Tower improvements: Vern Z. has secured a table from Park and Rec. Phil Niemeyer has made 3 benches from the old boards that used to make up the stairs. This wood had been stored for several years by Tim Nathan, for potential Eagle Scout projects, but that did not happen. Motion made by Julia, second by Vern, passed unanimously to reimburse Phil for his materials and a small stipend for his work. Total invoice submitted is for \$100. The commission is very grateful to Phil's donation to the tower. The benches are at the tower, and should be removed to storage at the end of the season. Tammy can store at her garage. Benches should be covered by tarp when not in use, to keep clean. There is a tarp at the tower.

c. Painting Report- 3 test patches by Rich Doellstedt seem to be a good color match. 2 part Epoxy from Sherwin Williams-bought under Rich's business Account. Not ideal drying conditions, lots of rain. Phil N and Rich prepped all the landings, so they look a little worse, but progress is underway. Phil and Rich will continue to paint the landings.

d. Another pane of Plexiglas has fallen off of the north side window. Tammy will follow up with City employee Jeff Anderson. Windowsills need to be painted.

e. Retaining wall to the south needs attention. Consider mortaring the stones?

5. Website/Computer/ Social Media-Training Zech and Chady to meet with Jenni Landowski. Jenni has continued to upload the minutes, despite being off the commission. Thanks, Jenni! Discussed proposal for updating our web...No action taken. Julia Chady discussed the possibility of putting docs on Google docs. Many of our forms for Landmark applications need to be put on the web. That way when there is a leadership change, we do not lose the documents. Current form is from the State Historical Society. Also need to list on the web the steps for nomination.

6. Theater Case Signage-Lights look lovely. Thanks to Jeff Armstrong, city Electrician.

7. Intern Anna Cornell- will start in July. She will be working at the museum on Commission business. Possible projects

8. Walking Tour Brochure updates to reflect new additions. Tammy will talk to Merrilee Lee at the museum and Carrie Chisholm at the Chamber about whether to spend money to make the brochure more mobile app friendly, therefore needing less printed copies. Commission members are not fans of the map insert. Need to get the files from former member. Tammy predicts there are enough brochures to last through spring of 2018.

9. Historic District Signage – Investigate possibility of putting up signs. Julia Ince is willing to work on a design for banners. Vern will come up with possible sites. Placement on Main Street, and in Merchant's Ave. District.

10. City Ordinance review-tabled

### **New Business**

1. Possible buildings for Local Landmark Nomination-From 1995 to 2008, 13 buildings were landmarked. The Fort Atkinson Club will be the 14 building listed. Need to target some for the remainder of 2017. Our correct form needs to be added to the website. Prioritize Greek Revival and Helmet Ajango houses.

2. State conference October 20,21 in LaCrosse –budget would allow for 2 people to attend. Julia Chady is not able to attend. Tammy is interested in attending.

3.Possible fundraiser: Julia Chady and her husband are interested in having their 1924 Model T at the tower on July 1 and July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ask for a donation to have photo taken, or possibly a ride. Julia will follow up with City Manager Matt Trebatoski concerning liability issues.

4. Still need a member to accept role as treasurer or secretary. FYI Vern and Julia manage the posts to Facebook.

5. Program on Helmut Ajango to be presented by Jim Draeger of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Possible dates are Oct 8, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, or Nov 12. The program will be held at the Hoard Historical Museum at 2:00 p.m. Vern will contact the family, to see if they

have a preference. The Ajango family donated most of their papers to the State Historical Society. There are a few holdings at the Hoard. Commission would like to pursue landmarking one of his buildings. Several owners have chosen not to pursue landmark status for their buildings. (2 homeowners and 1 business.)

6. Misc.: Congratulations to The Fort Atkinson Club for being listed on the National Register, and Lorine Niedecker Cottage on Black Hawk Island being listed on the State Register.

Adjournment at 8:00 p.m. (library closed at 8)

Next meeting

July 10, 2017 6:30 at the DF Public Library