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REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

May 25, 2023

The Historic Preservation Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on May 25, 2023 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids. It was also streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page, Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. Members present were: Chairperson Michael Hittner, William Parker, 1st and Alternate Jeff Penzkover; Justin Pluess joined via Zoom. Jackie Bredl Dietrich and Ryan Austin were absent. Also present were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns, Associate Planner Carrie Edmondson, Alderperson Dennis Polach, Alderperson Tom Rayome, Jason Tish, Phil Brown, Mary Olson and Philip Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Hittner.

1. Approval of the report from the March 16, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission meeting

Item of correction was the spelling of the name for member Justin Pluess. In the original minutes Mr. Pluess' name was spelled Pleuss in error.

Motion by Parker to approve the report from the March 16, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission meeting with the name correction; second by Penzkover.

Motion carried (4 – 0)

2. Update on the status of Certified Local Government designation request

Carrie Edmondson indicated that per a letter dated March 15, 2023 stating that Wisconsin Rapids has been awarded the Certified Local Government designation.

3. Discussion of "Annual CLG Grant Cycle" handout and planning to submit letter of intent for local property survey grant request

Carrie Edmondson provided a review of the survey and the grant request and the anticipated timeline.

4. Staff updates – discussion/information only

5. Commissioner updates – discussion/information only

William Parker provided his perspective on an historic preservation tour he attended in Stevens Point, along with Mike Hittner and Phil Brown. Mr. Brown and Mr. Hittner added their comments.

Mary Jo and Philip Olson expressed interest in the historic preservation potential for property in the Murwin Circle area in Wisconsin Rapids.

6. Next meeting date: Thursday, July 27, 6:00 p.m. regularly scheduled meeting

The meeting date and time were agreed upon.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Penzkover to adjourn the meeting; second by Parker

Motion carried (4 – 0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Erika Esser, Secretary