



HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION
MEETING
May 25, 2023
6:00 PM

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

PLANNING COMMISSION

Michael Hittner, Chairperson
Jackie Bredl Dietrich, Vice Chair
Ryan Austin, Alderperson
William Parker
Justin Pluess
Jeff Penzkover, 1st Alternate

AGENDA ITEM RECIPIENTS

Sue Schill, City Attorney
Erika Esser, Secretary
Jennifer Gossick, City Clerk

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Historic Preservation Commission to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, on **Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM**. The meeting will be streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and will also be broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. If a member of the public wishes to access this meeting live via Zoom audio conferencing, you must contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting to coordinate your access. This meeting is also available after its conclusion on the City's Facebook page and Community Media's YouTube page, which can be accessed at www.wr-cm.org. It is possible that members of the Historic Preservation Commission may appear remotely via video or audioconferencing for this meeting.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the report from the March 16, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission meeting
2. Update on the status of Certified Local Government designation request
3. Discussion of "Annual CLG Grant Cycle" handout and planning to submit letter of intent for local property survey grant request
4. Staff updates – discussion/information only
5. Commissioner updates – discussion/information only
6. Next meeting date: Thursday, July 27, 6:00 p.m. regularly scheduled meeting
7. Adjourn

The City of Wisconsin Rapids encourages participation from all its citizens. If participation at this meeting is not possible due to a disability or other reasons, notification to the city clerk's office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. Call the clerk at (715) 421-8200 to request accommodations.



REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 16, 2023

The Historic Preservation Commission met at 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 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: Jackie Bredl Dietrich, Michael Hittner, William Parker, Justin Pleuss and 1st Alternate Jeff Penzkover; Ryan Austin joined via Zoom. Also present were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns, Associate Planner Carrie Edmondson, Alderperson Dennis Polach, Jason Tish and Phil Brown.

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Director Kearns.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Commissioner Parker to elect Mike Hittner as Chairperson; second by Penzkover.

Motion carried (5 – 0)

Motion by Commissioner Hittner to elect Jackie Bredl Dietrich as Vice Chairperson; second by Pleuss.

Motion carried (5 – 0)

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

Carrie Edmondson provided an update on the request by the City to receive CLG status. Jason Tish added comments about the program and process. Conversations ensued regarding appeal processes and funding.

4. Discussion and presentation of work program including Historic Preservation Commission roles and responsibilities of the Historic Preservation Commission and referenced training materials.

5. Discussion on next steps including to apply for CLG funds to conduct local property survey

Jason Tish summarized the processes for applying for funds. Carrie Edmondson added information regarding the City's property survey.

6. Schedule regular meeting time

Commissioners confirmed bi-monthly meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25th in the City Hall Council Chambers.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Bredl Dietrich to adjourn; second by Parker

Motion carried (5 – 0)

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Erika Esser, Secretary



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March 15, 2023

Jason Tish
CLG Coordinator
WI State Historic Preservation Office
816 State Street, Rm. 305
Madison, WI 53706

Dear Mr. Tish:

Thank you for forwarding the necessary documentation concerning the City of Wisconsin Rapids' application for participation in the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program. I have reviewed your submission and am pleased to concur in your recommendation that the City of Wisconsin Rapids be certified as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC Section 3025).

The date of certification will be recorded as the date of this letter. We are also providing a copy of this letter to the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

We welcome the City of Wisconsin Rapids as a local partner in the Federal Preservation Program and look forward to working with them to preserve what makes their community special and significant. They have been added to our CLG database and can find their listing there as well as more information on the CLG program by going to: go.nps.gov/clg

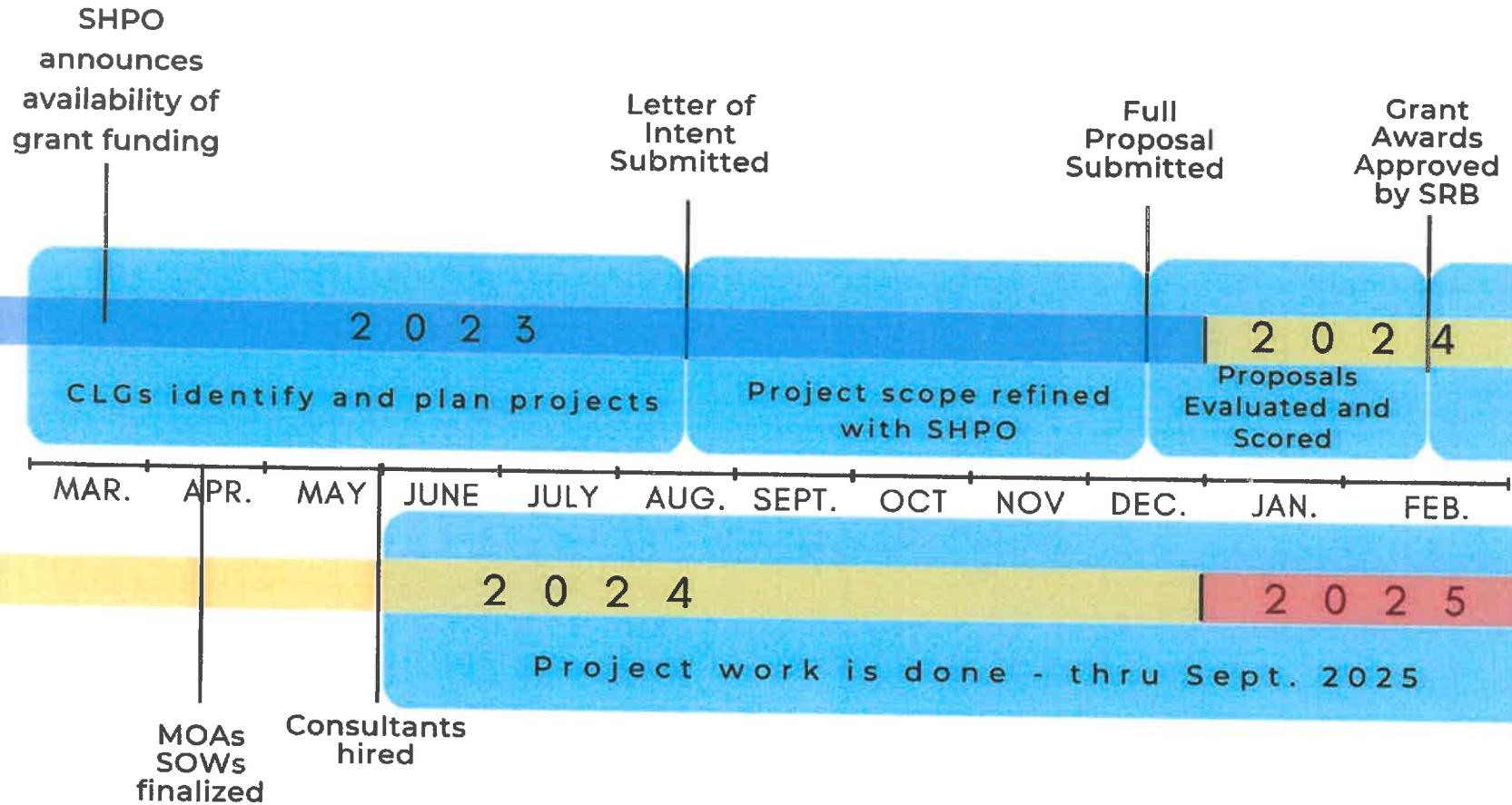
If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me by email at:
CLG_info@nps.gov

Sincerely,

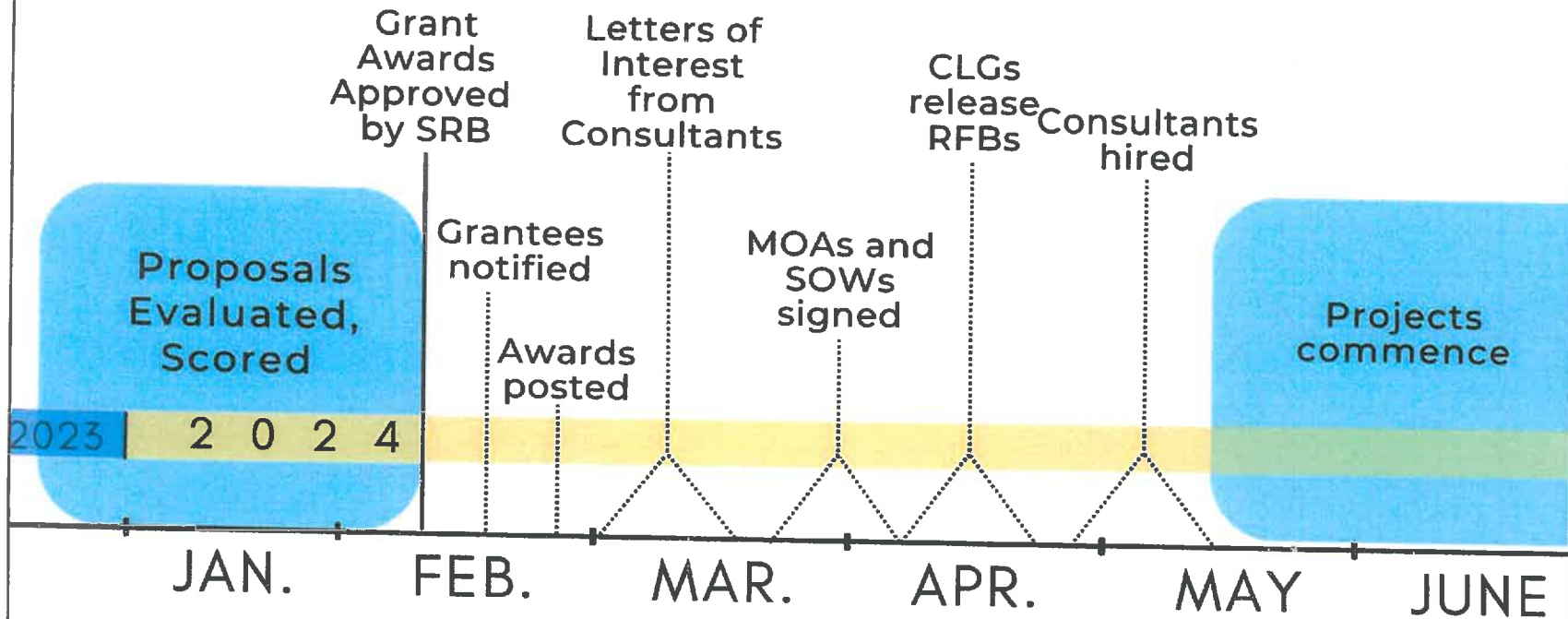
Megan J. Brown
Chief State, Tribal, Local Plans and Grants/Acting Certified Local Government Coordinator

cc: Kyle Kearns, Community Development Director, City of Wisconsin Rapids

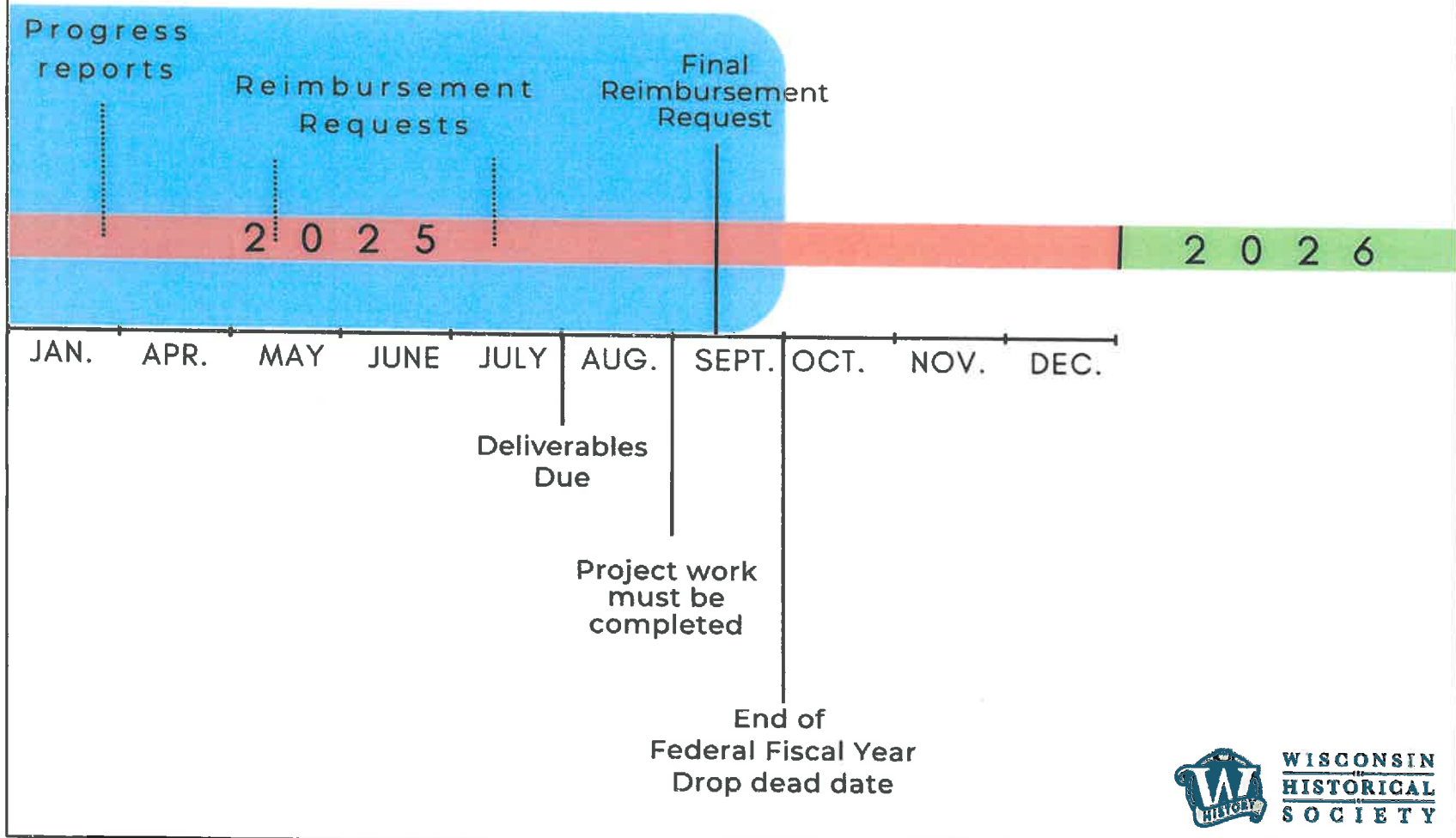
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About the State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places

Citizens of Wisconsin often have questions about the advantages – or the disadvantages, if any – of having their property listed in the State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places. What are the implications, or the benefits or restrictions, if any, of having private or public property nominated to and listed in the National Register and the State Register? The following are some of the most commonly asked questions, with answers that try to avoid excessively technical language. For more detailed information, contact the State Historic Preservation Office.

What are the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Historic Places?

The National Register is the official list of historic properties in America worthy of preservation and is maintained by the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior. The State Register is Wisconsin's official listing of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage and is maintained by the State Historic Preservation Office at the Wisconsin Historical Society. Both listings include sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture.

How are properties nominated to the State Register and the National Register?

The most popular procedure is to nominate properties to both registers at the same time. Generally, the nomination process requires two steps: first, the submission of a preliminary "Questionnaire" that provides basic information about the property to determine if the property appears to meet the criteria for listing, and, second, the submission of a "National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form" that is completed according to state and federal standards. Any person or organization may nominate properties to the registers, but because it is a complex process, private consultants are usually employed. The owner of the property is informed of the nomination.

How much time does it take to nominate a property to the registers?

This depends on the type and location of the property, among other things. The nominator frequently must research and photograph the property and must, of course, complete the required forms and submit them to the Wisconsin Historical Society, where the nomination is reviewed by staff and scheduled for review and approval by the State Historic Preservation Review Board, which meets quarterly. State Register nominations are approved at the state level, and National Register nominations are approved by the National Park Service in Washington D.C. All of this can take about one-and-a-half years.

If my private property, such as my home, is listed in the State Register and the National Register, do these designations restrict what I can do with my property?

No.

Am I required to restore or preserve my property if it is listed in the State Register and the National Register?

No. Of course, because the property is historically significant, you are encouraged to preserve it.

Do I automatically receive funds or other financial assistance when my property is listed in the registers?

No.

Is the property protected from demolition because it is listed in the registers?

No. Listing a property in the registers does not automatically protect it from demolition (or other alterations). However, listing a property in the registers does "trigger" state and federal laws that require federal, state, and local government agencies to take into consideration the effect of their plans into consideration the effect of their plans or projects on such listed properties.

What are the benefits of having a property listed in the National Register and the State Register?

The principle benefit is the knowledge that you are helping to preserve your local, state, and national heritage. To assist you, the state and federal governments provide a number of more tangible benefits such as eligibility for state and federal income tax credits for rehabilitating historic properties; eligibility for property tax exemptions for archaeological sites; consideration in the planning of federally assisted and state assisted projects, as well as projects of local governments and school boards, when those projects affect the property; eligibility to use the state's Historic Building Code, which may facilitate rehabilitation; qualification for state and federal charitable income tax deductions for the donation of historic preservation easements; and eligibility for official State Register of Historic Places plaques.

What are the disadvantages of having a property listed in the National Register and State Register?

Listing a property in the registers does not impose restrictions on the private property owner. The private owner is free to sell, alter or demolish the property. Of course, if the property owner is utilizing any federal or state funding or assistance, the proposed projects are reviewed to ensure that historic values of the property are taken into consideration.

Do I automatically receive a plaque to place on my property when it is listed?

No, but you may purchase an official State Register of Historic Places plaque or other appropriate plaques or your choosing.

If the property is owned by local or state government and is listed in the State Register and the National Register, are there any special responsibilities that state agencies and local governments incur?

Yes. Because these are publicly owned historic or prehistoric properties, the state agencies or local governments, including school boards, must inform the State Historic Preservation Officer at the Wisconsin Historical Society of any plans or proposed actions that will affect any listed property. The State Historic Preservation Officer may require negotiations to reduce or avoid adverse effects.

Please note: Local historic preservation programs are often established by local government ordinances, and property owners are advised to consult their local governments for information regarding local regulations. The state and federal historic preservation programs are comprehensive and involve a number of statutes, regulations, rules and guidelines. For further information or details about the preservation programs, please contact: State Historic Preservation Office, Wisconsin Historical Society, 816 State St., Madison, WI 53706. Telephone: (608) 264-6502.

Visit the Wisconsin Historical Society Website:
www.wisconsinhistory.org

2023 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Schedule

Thursday, July 27, 6:00 pm.
Thursday, September 28, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 30, 6:00 p.m.
