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## MINUTES

CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, March 16, 2009, 3:00 PM  
Room 301A, Milwaukee City Hall

**Matt Jarosz, Chair**  
**Sandra McSweeney Vice Chair**  
**Sandy Ackerman, Pat Balon, Ald. Robert Bauman,**  
**Randy Bryant, Ann Pieper Eisenbrown**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Sandy Ackerman, Pat Balon, Randy Bryant, Matt Jarosz, Ann Pieper Eisenbrown  
Commissioners Excused: Ald. Bob Bauman, Sandra McSweeney  
Staff Present: Carlen Hatala, Paul Jakubovich, Vanessa Koster

**2. MINUTES**

Approval of the February 16, 2009 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

THE MOTION: Pat Balon moved and Sandy Ackerman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2009 commission meeting. The motion carried with Randy Bryant abstaining as he had not been in attendance.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

Reconvene Public Hearing on the Interim Historic Designation Application of the Nicholas Senn Building, 300-318 W. Juneau Avenue (Commonly called Sydney Hih) (6<sup>th</sup> Ald. District)

Staff Paul Jakubovich reported that Ald. Bauman had to be out of town for this meeting and requested that the commission hold over the item for another cycle.

The chair Matt Jarosz asked the owners if they were fine with postponing the hearing for another cycle and they responded that they were.

THE MOTION: Randy Bryant moved and Pat Balon seconded a motion to hold over the item until the next meeting cycle. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Certificate of Appropriateness for restoration of the all-masonry, Lake Park Road Bridge located at the north end of Lake Park next to Lincoln Memorial Drive. (North Point North Historic District) (3<sup>rd</sup> Aldermanic District) PTS#56977

Staff Paul Jakubovich gave an overview of the proposed restoration of the Lake Park Road Bridge in Lake Park. The bridge is a rare survivor, made entirely of masonry instead of iron and steel. The work will entail repairing the balustrade in concrete (the original terra cotta was replaced c. 1980s with concrete); replacing damaged voussoirs with concrete ones; and repairing the crack in the vault of the arch.

Kevin Haley, Milwaukee County Parks Landscape architect, was recognized. Al Lindner, from the Graef engineering firm was also recognized. Mr. Haley provided more details about the renovations and how the county intends to repair the arch. State and federal funding will be used. He added that the balustrade was replaced with concrete after an auto smashed into it and blew out the original terra cotta. He stated that they intend to do repairs with concrete since it is stronger than terra cotta. In response to concerns by the preservation commissioners that the renovations be more than a band aid approach to the bridge, Mr. Haley assured everyone that they had studied and determined where the water was infiltrating and are replacing the entire road deck, curb and sides to make sure no more water penetrates to the arch of the bridge. The deterioration appears to be a matter of maintenance rather than design flaws and the damage from water seeping into the arch from the curbs has accelerated in recent years.

There was further discussion about using tie rods to secure the arch, how the crack in the arch will be handled and the matter of crash barriers now required by the Department of Transportation. There was also discussion about whether or not terra cotta should be required in the replacement work instead of cast concrete since there is a now a precedent set with the City Hall project. Commissioners advocated the less intrusive approach of patching damaged terra cotta rather than complete removal unless the piece was beyond repair. Commissioners recommended getting an estimate for new balustrades made of terra cotta so that the county could compare that to the cost of cast concrete balustrades.

THE MOTION: Randy Bryant moved and Pat Balon seconded a motion to approve the project per the staff recommendation, to support the county's attempt to get an exemption from the state on the crash barrier, to have the entire balustrade with railing replaced to match the originals and to use the less invasive method of patching damaged terra cotta and aging it to match the existing conditions. The motion carried.

Kevin Haley then gave the commissioners an update on the work being done to the Lion Bridges in Lake Park.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Certified Local Government review of the removal of the Old Coast Guard Station from the National Register of Historic Places (due to its demolition)

Staff Carlen Hatala reported that the State Historic Preservation Office was updating its files and preparing the paperwork to have the Old Coast Guard Station removed from the National Register. All of the research will remain on the nomination so it will not be lost. As a Certified Local Government, the Milwaukee Historic Preservation has the right to comment on this matter.

THE MOTION: Randy Bryant moved and Sandy Ackerman seconded a motion to support the delisting of the Old Coast Guard Station. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Staff updates on preservation projects.

Staff Paul Jakobovich showed an image of Pabst Building #10 and indicated that it is the first to be completed and occupied in the Pabst Complex. Charlie Trainer is one of the owners.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Staff Carlen Hatala reported on the free training being made available to members of Wisconsin Historic Preservation Commissions on May 29, 30, 2009. The training is sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Office. Each member of the HPC received application forms. Carpooling to the program was mentioned.

B. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is Monday, April 20, 2009 at 3:00 PM, Room 301-A of City Hall, 200 E. Wells

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

THE MOTION: There being no further business, Pat Balon moved and Sandy Ackerman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 P.M.
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