



CITY OF MERRILL

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA • WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 2023

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

To attend remotely call 573-887-5287 PIN 900 856 921 #

- I. Call to Order
- II. Consider approving the July 19th meeting minutes:
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- III. General Agenda Items:
 1. Discussion on Legion Building and response from Parks and Recreation Director Wendorf
 2. Discussion regarding Historic homes and buildings including media coverage
 3. Discussion and update on sign placement schedule, media coverage and next steps
- IV. Next meeting date and time: Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 PM
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

**City of Merrill
Historic Preservation Committee
Wednesday, July 19, 2023
City Hall Common Council Chambers**

Historic Preservation Voting Members Present: Chair Caylor, Alderperson Sabatke, Elizabeth McCrank, and Bea Lebel. Bill Heideman was absent

Other's present: City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Social Media Specialist Savall and Merrill Productions

I. Call to order – Chair Caylor called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2023

Alderperson Sabatke made a motion to approve the June 21 minutes. Elizabeth McCrank seconded. Elizabeth asked to revise the minutes to change “college” to “trade school”. City Clerk Anderson-Malm will revise the minutes to reflect that change. Following discussion the motion carried.

III. General Agenda Items:

1. Update and continued discussion on Legion Building:

a. Legion Building story board – Elizabeth spoke with John Van Lieshout regarding the Legion Building storyboard. She is hoping to have the storyboard updated and will present the final version at the August meeting.

b. Information from Park and Recreation regarding the building – Chair Caylor emailed Park & Recreation Director Wendorf regarding the use of the building. Any further information received will be presented at the August meeting.

2. Continued discussion on possible list of contractors for Historic homes and buildings: Elizabeth McCrank researched the graduates from the trade school and most have stayed in the East Coast area. The Minnesota Historical Society as well as the Wisconsin Historical Society does have contractors who specialize in historic buildings. However they are located in larger metro areas.

Alderperson Sabatke requested a link be placed on the city website under the History tab.

a. Discuss media coverage regarding Historic homes and buildings – Discussion occurred between committee members and Social Media Specialist Savall. Items discussed included compiling a list of property owners who would agree to have footage taken of their historic home or building along with interviews of the owners regarding the home/building.

Elizabeth asked about an interactive game that would draw people's attention to the historic aspect of Merrill. “Where am I in Merrill” was the topic. This will be on the August agenda for further discussion/collaboration.

3. Continued discussion on sign placement schedule and media coverage:
Chair Caylor updated the committee on the sign placement schedule. This will be a recurring item on the proceeding agendas.

IV. Next meeting date and time:

The next meeting would fall on Fair week. City Clerk Anderson-Malm will email the committee members regarding alternate dates for the August meeting.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Adjournment

Aldersperson Sabatke made a motion to adjourn. Bea Lebel seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Lori Anderson-Malm, City Clerk

From: "Wendorf, Dan" <Dan.Wendorf@ci.merrill.wi.us>
Date: July 20, 2023 at 8:25:25 AM CDT
To: "Caylor, Michael" <Michael.Caylor@ci.merrill.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Legion Building

Good morning Gus,

The Legion Building is being used by our Summer Playground Program on the days when they are at Kitchenette Park, it allows us another physical place to organize separate programs for the children to participate in and a location in case there is rain or inclement weather. Over the late winter/early spring this past year we met with MAPS to look at a potential partnership to have their construction class do some renovation work if/when they have time. There is some work that needs to be done and it would be a great experience for their students - but we are waiting to see about that because of their funding (and potential third attempt at a referendum).

Our ultimate goal at some point (funding/staffing dependent) is to have the inside renovated so that we can have another place to have 4 season programs and rentals similar to the Agra Pavilion. The popularity of the Agra Pavilion is unbelievable and people are looking for more unique 4 season space to rent.

I hope this answers your question.

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From: Caylor, Michael
 Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 6:08 PM
 To: Wendorf, Dan
 Subject: Legion Building

Can we get an get an update as to what the legion building is being used for and what you foresee of it going in the future. I am not looking for a 20 year vision, just an update for the historic preservation committee

Attachment: Legion Building (10263 : Discussion on Legion Building and response from Parks and Recreation Director Wendorf)

