

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

Historic Preservation Voting Members Present: Chairperson – Michael Caylor,
Aldersperson – Steve Sabatke, Elizabeth McCrank, Bill Heideman and Bea Lebel

Others in attendance included: City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Suzanna Gilk and Sister Pam from the Holy Cross Sisters and Merrill Productions.

I. Call to order

Chair Caylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2023

Aldersperson Sabatke made a motion to place the minutes from March 15, 2023 on file.
Elizabeth McCrank seconded and the motion carried.

III. General Agenda Items:

1. Consider request from Holy Cross Sisters for honorary street name for Mother Aniceta Regli:

Suzanna Gilk presented a biography for Mother Aniceta Regli. She built the first hospital in Merrill. The bio will be included in May's agenda packet and will be provided to the committee members for reference.

Sister Pam stated the motto for the Sisters of Holy Cross is "The need of the time is the will of God". Chair Caylor will consult with City Attorney Hayden regarding the ability to include this on the street sign.

Chair Caylor made a motion to approve the honorary street name for Mother Aniceta Way on a portion of O'day Street. Bill Heideman seconded and the motion carried.

2. Status of Legion Building story board:

Chair Caylor spoke with Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel regarding the story board. Elizabeth will put together a paragraph for the building and contact Darin.

It was suggested this be on the May agenda with a status update from the Park & Recreation Committee regarding the Legion Building.

3. Update on status of remainder of street signs:

Chair Caylor stated all the signs are at the Street Department except for two that are still in production.

4. Discuss sign placement schedule and media coverage:

Chair Caylor mentioned Street Superintendent Bonack is researching ideas for mounting the signs. Chair Caylor mentioned Memorial Day weekend as a tentative

installation day. Chair Caylor will attend the Marketing & Communications meeting April 20th and will discuss marketing this event.

IV. Next meeting date and time:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 PM

V. Public Comment

Bea Lebel stated one of the issues when this committee was re-formed was the lack of a list of contractors for historical homes and buildings.

Elizabeth McCrank discussed the circle of contractors would need to be expanded further than Merrill. She suggested a campaign to contact the boards of famous public historic homes to find out who worked on restoring the home. Elizabeth stated she will make contacts and report back at the May meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Alderperson Sabatke made a motion to adjourn. Elizabeth McCrank seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

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