

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF 28 NOVEMBER 2001**

Present: Bower, Kepler, Marshall, Moser, Shannon.
Absent: Stanley.

President Bower called the meeting to order in the Library at 6:38.

The notes of the non-meeting of 25 October 2001 were approved so they could be inserted in the Commission records.

Discussion of Future Listings:

Jerry reported on three items. 1) The Richland County Board defeated a resolution from the Property Committee to list the Courthouse-Jail Complex on the Local Register, 9 to 12. Jerry recommended trying again in two years. 2) Jerry did not succeed in contacting Jeanette Anderson about the First Baptist Church. Ruth reported the Jeanette has been seriously ill. Garland Fruit was suggested as a new contact; Jerry will call him. 3) Jerry delivered to Judy Davis an application form and the survey data on the Richland County Bank. Judy seems keenly interested in listing the Bank; she will present the question to the Bank Board at its December meeting.

Ruth reported that she had dropped off forms and survey materials for Roger Gander's home on N. Central Avenue. They seem very interested in listing. Ruth will make a reminder call. Ruth volunteered to talk to Dr. Dick and Nancy Edwards about listing their home.

Russ reported that he had talked to Dr. Smith and that he is interested in listing but just cannot seem to find the time to get the application completed.

Lee will again contact Jim Hurd about listing his home.

We also discussed a future contact concerning the Dr. Benson home at 191 N. Sheldon, which is owned by Margie Hayes' son. It is eligible for listing according to the 1987 survey. We discussed the possibility of renewing a contact for the opera house owned by Bev Denker. We also discussed the Warehouse issue.

Jerry reported that Mayor Lee had invited Larry Keller to become a member of the Commission but Larry could not meet on Wednesday evenings. Since all of us could meet on the fourth Tuesday evening, Jerry was delegated the responsibility to contact Thad to see if his meeting schedule could accommodate a Tuesday meeting. [Jerry made the contact. Thad was agreeable if our meeting start at 7:00. Thus, from now on, Commission meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm.]

After agreeing that we would not meet in December, the meeting adjourned at 7:18.

Minutes prepared by Jerry Bower.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Notes of Non Meeting of 25 October 2001

PRESENT: Bower, Moser, Stanley

ABSENT: Meadows, Shannon, Kepler, Marshall

After waiting until 6:40 Chair Bower declared a lack of quorum, so no official business could be conducted. However, the members present decided to share what they had learned since our last meeting.

Bower reported that Leslie Meadows has resigned from the Commission. We will need to think about a business community replacement for her. He reported that he had visited with the County Property Committee and convinced it to forward a resolution favoring the listing of the Courthouse-Jail complex on the local register. He will attend the 30 October County Board meeting in hopes of convincing the entire board to agree. He reported that he had not contacted Mrs. Jeanette Anderson about the First Baptist Church but will do so soon. He also agreed to contact Judy Davis about listing the Richland County Bank.

Moser reported that she had contacted the Roger Ganders about listing their house. They are definitely interested and she will drop off an application.

Stanley reported that his neighbors, the Cosgroves, are interested in listing their home, the Ora Smith house, at 493 South Sheldon. He will drop off the historical survey report and an application form.

We briefly discussed the status of the A. D. German Warehouse which has recently earned the dubious distinction of being listed on Wisconsin's 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties. We agreed that we should extend an invitation to Harvey Glanzer to meet with us to discuss options for preserving the Warehouse.

At 6:55 we went home!

Unofficial notes prepared by Jerry Bower

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Bower at 6:32 PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Bower, Stanley, Shannon, Kepler, Moser

Absent: Marshall, Meadows

The Minutes of 22 August 2001 were approved unanimously upon a motion by Shannon & 2nd by Moser.

Discussion of Future Listings on the Local Register:

Bower reported that he will meet with the County Board Property Committee on October 3rd to discuss the possible listing of the Courthouse.

Shannon reported that he has again talked with Dr. Smith about listing his home. Dr. Smith is interested but hasn't found the time to really pursue a listing. This led to a discussion of other homes in the Smith neighborhood. Moser agreed to contact Roger Gander, the owner of the home to the south of Smith's, to see if he might be interested in listing his home.

Bower volunteered to contact Mrs. Jeanette Anderson about listing the First Baptist Church. Our initial contact was favorably received but we haven't heard anything for a long time.

There being no additional reports or requests to consider, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerry Bower

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

22 AUGUST 2001

Meeting called to order by President Bower at 6:30 PM.1

Present: Commission Members Stanley, Kepler, Meadows, Bower, Marshall, Moser, Shannon and Guests Testolien, Lawton, Lawrence.

Absent: None

The Commission voted unanimously to waive the reading of the 25 July 2001 Minutes and to approve them as printed.

The Commission considered applications for listing on the Local Register of Historic Buildings for the Park Hotel, 213 S. Central Avenue and the Masonic Temple, 165 N. Central Avenue.

- A. The Park Hotel: Raymond Lawton, long-time member of the NHS Board and local historian described the vital role the hotel has played in Richland Center. Terry Testolien, Director of NHS, described the hotel's more recent history, since it was purchased by NHS in 1987. The Park Hotel has been carefully renovated to provide low income housing in 25 apartments for senior citizens. Shannon moved that the Park Hotel be listed on the Local Register, Kepler 2nd, approved unanimously.
- B. The Masonic Temple (now Blue Highways) application was supported by Peter Lawrence, President, Blue Highways, LTD. Lawrence briefly described the history of the Temple, stressing the role it has played in the cultural and social life of the community. He said that the investors had spent about \$200,000 since purchasing the building for restoration and maintenance. The Temple is listed with the National Park Service as a Certified Historic Building, consequently any work done must follow the stringent Department of the Interior guidelines. Moser moved the Masonic Temple be listed on the Local Register, Meadows 2nd, approved unanimously.

Since the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 133 N. Grove (the Ira Haseltine house) had not been completed, the Commission took no action.

Future Listings for Local Register: The commissioners reviewed the homes currently under consideration and no progress was reported. Bower volunteered to try to schedule an appearance before the County Property Committee to urge the listing of the Courthouse.

Establish Budget: The Commissioners authorized President Bower to send a letter to Council Member Richard Cairns, Chair of the Budget Committee, requesting renewal of our \$2,000 annual budget and of the carryover resolution so that we may continue to build-up a loan fund to assist owners of listed structures with maintenance projects.

Approve Funding for attendance at National Preservation Institute seminars held in Madison. Bower explained that he would not be able to attend because the seminars are all scheduled on weekdays. The Commission unanimously approved a motion to reimburse any Commission member who finds it possible to attend one or more seminars.

Reports: Meadows reported that work on the Depot is proceeding well and that it should be completed by the first week in October. Community interest in the restoration is keen. Meadows continues to write grant applications to assist with finances. The bricks are almost sold out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerry Bower

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
25 JULY 2001

Present: Thaddeus Stanley, Twylah Kepler, Leslie Meadows, Jerry Bower, Lee Marshall
Absent: Ruth Moser, Russ Shannon

Thad moved, Twylah seconded, a motion to waive the reading of the 25 April 2001 Minutes and to approve them as printed. Motion carried.

Discussion of Future Listings: Leslie reported that Mrs. Delventhal will definitely list her house (the Kirkpatrick house) once her divorce is complete. Leslie and Twylah did the research and filled out the application which awaits her signature. Leslie had a tour of the interior of the house and took pictures. The home has many neat features such as no square corners, a fantastic staircase, stained glass windows, and a contoured bathtub. Twylah reported that Rich Moore was noncommittal about listing the Empire Drug building, which is presently for sale. Lee said he would continue to follow up with Jim Hurd and with Dr. & Nancy Edwards about listing their properties. Jerry reported that he had contacted Peter Lawrence and received a promise that an application for the Masonic Temple would soon be submitted.

Set Public Hearing Date: Lee moved, Leslie seconded, a motion to hold a public hearing on Wed. 22 August at 6:30 PM to consider the applications for the Park Hotel and the Masonic Temple. The motion was unanimously approved.

Establish Budget: By consensus the members authorized Jerry to keep in touch with Luella on the budget. We agreed there was no need to request a change in our budget. Jerry should check the status of the account that is to be established with the remaining funds in our annual budget, to become a revolving loan fund.

Reports: Jerry reported receipt of a self-paced training course for Historic Preservation Commission members concerning the Americans With Disabilities Act. Jerry agreed to look at the course and report at our next meeting. Leslie said the Depot project is ahead of schedule and may be completed by 1 September. The fund-raising is also progressing well. The group has received \$1,000.00 donations from Wisconsin Gas and the RCHS Trivia Auction and awaiting donations from Allen-Bradley and Foremost Farms. The brick are selling briskly.

Upon a motion by Thad, Lee seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerry Bower, President.

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**CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER
MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Wednesday, April 25, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

Council room, Municipal Building

Members Present: Twylah Kepler, Russ Shannon, Lee Marshall, Leslie Meadows, Ruth Moser and Alderperson Thaddeus Stanley

Members Absent: President Jerry Bower

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Vice President Lee Marshall in the absence of President Jerry Bower. After roll call, it was announced the meeting was properly noticed.

There was a motion by Shannon, second by Kepler to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies and to approve them. Motion carried.

Marshall introduced Alderperson Thaddeus Stanley and welcomed him to the Commission. A brief background was given about the Commission and the procedure for listing properties on the local historic register.

Future Listings: Meadows has given the paperwork to Regina Grassechi of 560 North Central Avenue. She is interested in listing her property on the local register. Meadows also said Grassechi gave \$200.00 toward the Depot Restoration Project.

Bower gave the paperwork for the Richland County Courthouse and Jail to Fuzz Spangler, chairman of the County Property Committee.

The Commission would like the Empire Drug Store Building to be placed on the local register. Kepler hasn't had a chance to speak to Rich Moore about listing. John Burnham was the original owner and builder. The Empire has the last soda fountain in the City.

Moser has not received the papers from Terry Testolin for the Park Hotel listing. She will telephone him again. He was thinking of the public hearing in May or June.

Other properties were discussed among them were the Dr. Smith and Dr. Edward's homes for future listings on the register.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, ETC: Moser reported a thank you letter has been received for the donation to the Wisconsin Historic Trust.

Meadows gave an update on the Depot restoration. Prism has been selected as the contractor for the project. The contract has been approved and sent to the DOT in LaCrosse. The Richland Center Utilities have given a gift of \$5000.00. The High School Student Council recently held a silent auction and part of the proceeds will also go to the Depot. The total is not known at this time. The bricks are selling well and the Depot project will be the recipient of ½ of the Star Spangled Celebration proceeds.

ADJOURN: There was a motion by Kepler, second by Meadows to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Ruth Moser.

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**CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER
MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 28, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

Council room, Municipal Building

Members Present: President Jerry Bower, Ruth Moser, Twylah Kepler, Russ Shannon, Lee Marshall and Alderperson David Daughenbaugh

Members Absent: Leslie Meadows

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. After roll call, it was announced the meeting was properly noticed.

There was a motion by Shannon, second by Kepler to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies and to approve them. Motion carried.

Future Listings: Bower has contacted Dr. John Guelig, owner of the Union Block Building at the corner of Court and North Main Street, and Mary Bard of the Blue Highways/Masonic Temple building, but has not heard from either of them in regard to listing their properties on the local register. He will follow up on both and report back.

Kepler will keep trying to contact Rich Moore about listing the Empire Drug Store property at 101 West Court Street.

Marshall has talked to Barbara Hurd about listing their home at 591 North Central Ave. At the present time they have decided not to list.

Moser reported Luella Edwards has spoken to Ann Greenheck about listing the Richland County Courthouse. She was very favorable and Moser will send a survey copy along with an application to Greenheck. Moser will also send information to the owners of Lunenschloss-Hansen building at 172 South Church in regard to listing their property.

Shannon will check on Dr. Robert Smith again about listing his home at 480 North Central Avenue.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, ETC: Moser reported the annual report and minutes have been sent to the State Historical Society in compliance with our CLG designation.

ADJOURN: There was a motion by Daughenbaugh, second by Shannon to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

**CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER
MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

Council room, Municipal Building

Members Present: President Jerry Bower, Ruth Moser, Twylah Kepler, Russ Shannon and Lee Marshall

Members Absent: Leslie Meadows and Alderperson David Daughenbaugh

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. After roll call, it was announced the meeting was properly noticed.

There was a motion by Marshall, second by Kepler to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies and to approve them. Motion carried.

Future Listings: Bower reported that Dr. John Guelig, owner of the Union Block Building at the corner of Court and North Main Street, is very interested in listing his property on the local register. Bower gave the literature and an application form to Dr. Guelig.

Bower also spoke to Judy Davis about listing the Richland County Bank on the local register. She is very interested, but prefers to wait until the construction is completed on their addition. Bower also gave her a copy of the 1876 Survey of the property.

Bower spoke to Mary Bard about listing the Blue Highways / Masonic Temple. Bard seemed surprised it was not already on the register. Bower will take an application form along with a copy of the ordinance and 1987 survey form to Bard.

Moser reported she has spoken to Terry Testolin about listing the Park Hotel on the local register. The NHS Board met in February and approved the listing. However, they would prefer to wait until May or June for the Public Hearing.

Annual Achievement Award: Bower handed out the revised proposal for the Historic Achievement Award. It will not necessarily be an annual award and the recipient must be on our local register. There was a motion by Shannon, second by Moser to approve the proposal. Motion carried.

Request from the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation for a donation: The WI Trust has asked for a donation from the Commission. The WI Trust relies on the dues and gifts from its members to succeed in protecting our State's history and heritage. There was a motion by Moser, second by Bower to give a \$100.00 donation to the WI Trust. Motion carried.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, ETC: Bower has written his annual report to the State Historical Society in compliance with our CLG designation. Moser will type it and get it ready to send.

ADJOURN: There was a motion by Kepler, second by Shannon to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER
MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 24, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

Council room, Municipal Building

Members Present: President Jerry Bower, Ruth Moser, Twylah Kepler, Alderperson David Daughenbaugh and Lee Marshall

Members Absent: Leslie Meadows and Russ Shannon

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. After roll call, it was announced the meeting was properly noticed.

There was a motion by Daughenbaugh, second by Kepler to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies and to approve them. Motion carried.

Future Listings: Bower reported that Beverly Denker of 1883 Antiques Etc. 194 East Court Street is not interested in listing her property on the local register at this time.

Terry Testolin of the Park Apartments expressed interest in listing the building on the local register. Moser said she had delivered an application form, a copy of the 1987 Survey and an ordinance to NHS. Terry called to say the application will be taken the next NHS board meeting in February. He expects to complete and submit the application soon after the meeting.

Moser also reported she has taken a copy of the 1987 Survey to Dr. John Guelig of the Union Building on the corner of Main & Court Streets. Bower will follow up with an application form and ordinance.

Bower will also talk to Judy Davis about listing the Richland County Bank on the local register. Marshall suggested he also ask about her home on East Seminary Street.

Marshall mentioned there is a gentleman moving into the area with an architectural background. He might be a candidate for a future member of the Commission. The expiration date of Commission members was checked and Marshall and Kepler are due to be reappointed or replaced in April of this year.

Annual Achievement Award: Bower wrote up some specifications for the Historic Achievement Award. It was felt it should not necessarily be an annual award. The Commission members will have a chance to look over the suggestions and it will be put on the agenda for the February meeting. A donation of one hundred dollars was discussed. Moser will check with Clerk Jude Elliott to see if there are any legal reasons why we should not give a monetary award.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, ETC: Bower said there was a request from the State Historical Society for donations. The gifts will allow them to continue their many programs. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Commission members and it will also be an agenda item for the February meeting which will be Feb. 28.

Moser handed out information from the State Historical Society in regard to tax credits.

ADJOURN: There was a motion by Moser, second by Kepler to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M. Minutes submitted by Ruth Moser.