

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR 22 DECEMBER 2008

Present: Bower, Jelinek, Marshall, Moser

Absent: Mueller, Andreae, Shannon

President Bower called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The Minutes of 23 September 2008 were approved as printed. [Jelinek/Moser]

A Public Hearing was set for 27 January 2009 at 7:00 PM. [Moser/Marshall]  
Applications have been completed for the Robinson Building, 179 E. Court St., (currently Nelson's Photography Studio), and the Robert C. Burnham house, 263 N. Central Ave., (currently owned by Beata Elliott). Jerry will try to obtain Cheryl Stanley's signature on her application to list the Fred H. Pratt house, 314 N. Central Ave., in time for her to be included in the public hearing. Lee volunteered to take pictures of these three properties, plus the Jim & Robin Nelson house for the official record of our listings.

We discussed the need to order more plaques, which we award to the owners of listed properties. The supply is down to five and there is the potential that four of those will be used in the near future. Jerry was authorized to arrange for an order of 20 plaques. [Marshall/Moser] Ruth will do detective work in old records to try to locate the original order, in the hope that a reorder might be cheaper than starting anew.

Future Listings: Jerry has delivered a completed application for the O. J. Burnham building, 159 E. Court St. Owner Joel Rewald wants to wait before applying until after he gets a fire escape installed on the front of the building to serve his front upstairs apartment. We hope that this installation is not so intrusive that it makes a listing impossible. Jerry will eventually contact Terry Ryan about his building at 142 S. Central Ave. about a listing. This building is where W. H. Pier had his bank, which eventually became the Richland County Bank. The building has been well preserved.

Reports, Requests: Jerry asked permission to submit a renewal of our membership in the National Trust for Historic Preservation Forum. The cost is \$115 per year. This was approved. [Jelinek/Moser]

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

***NEXT MEETING IS 27 JANUARY 2009 AT 7:00 PM. PLEASE PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!***

**Jerry & Donna Bower**

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**Subject:** Meeting Minutes for 23 Sept. '08

Hi: Since these Minutes are brief, I've decided to typw them in a email.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR 23 SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Bower, Shannon, Andreae, Jelinek, Moser, Mueller  
Absent: Marshall

President Bower called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as printed.  
[Shannon moved, Jelinek 2nd]

The Public Hearing to consider the application of Jim & Robin Nelson to have their home--the Jim Keegan House at 565 N. Central Ave.--listed on the Local Register of Historic Places was convened. The Nelsons were unable to be present because of other commitments. Bower asked if there was any opposition to the application. Hearing none, Jelinek moved acceptance, Mueller 2nd, and the application was unanimously accepted. Bower will notify Dick Wilson that the Nelsons wish to have a plaque installed.

Future Listings:

Mueller reported that the Everson home has been sold and the new owners are moved in. He will let them get settled and then contact them.

Bower reported no further progress toward listing the Burnham and Robinson buildings, both are on Court Street, in the Commercial District.

Bower announced that he would be attending the conference of the Wisconsin Council of Local History the weekend of 26-27 Sept. He mentioned that his registration and hotel stay would be without charge to the City because he had won a scholarship to cover those expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20. [Moser, Mueller, unanimous]

*The next meeting will occur, as needed, upon the call of the President.*

Minutes prepared by Jerry Bower

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR 26 AUGUST 2008

Present: Jerry Bower, Gretchen Jelinek, Jay B. Mueller, Russ Shannon

Absent: Rod Andreae, Lee Marshall, Ruth Moser

President Bower called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The Minutes of 25 September 2007 were unanimously approved as printed. Shannon moved, Jelinek 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Future Listings: Bower reported that he has an application from Jim & Robin Nelson to list their home at 565 N. Central Avenue. Bower has been working toward applications for the current Nelson Photography Studio (the Robinson Building, 179 E. Court St.), and the current Joel Rewald Investment Counseling (the Burnham Building, 159 E. Court St.). He reported that he has located a little information on Richard "Dick" H. Robinson, who built the Robinson Building in 1917 and on the use of the building over the years. Surprisingly, a survey form was not prepared for the Burnham Building during the 1986 intensive survey. But there is a good deal of information about O. J. Burnham, who constructed the building in 1889. Burnham was also the builder of the "castle" on Park Street, commonly known as the Strang home, now occupied by Mike Nigl. Bower has also tried, repeatedly, to contact Cheryl Stanley about listing her home, but has not succeeded.

Public Hearing: We unanimously scheduled a public hearing on the Nelsons' application for 7:00 PM., Tuesday, September 23, 2008.

Reports: Jay reported that the Rudy Everson home is for sale and he has decided to wait until new owners are settled before contacting them about a listing. Russ reported that the Ward home is also for sale and that the Wards are not interested in a listing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

NEXT MEETING 23 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerry Bower