

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR 31 MARCH 2009

Present: Commissioners Andreae, Bower, Jelinek, Moser, Mueller, Shannon and Visitors Julie Ward & Robert Feyen.

Absent: Commissioner Marshall.

President Bower called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

The reading of the Minutes of 24 February 2009 was waived & they were approved as printed. [Shannon/Jelinek]

The public hearing was opened at 7:05.

Charles R. Thomson home, 499 E. Second, owned by Richard & Almarie Schwarting, was listed on the Local Register after a brief discussion. [Mueller/Moser]

The W. H. Pier Bank, 142 S. Central Ave., owned by Terry & Barbara Ryan, was also listed on the Local Register. [Jelinek/Shannon]

The public hearing closed at 7:18.

Future Listings for the Local Register:

Jerry reported that he had not made his contacts.

Rod reported that Bob Jones, now retired, is interested in considering a listing. Jerry will prepare an application & give it to Rod to deliver to the Jones.

Ruth reported that the Ganders are willing to consider a listing. Jerry will prepare a packet & give it to Ruth to deliver to the Ganders.

Jerry will prepare a packet for the Wards, 439 E. 2nd, & give it to Russ to deliver. We answered questions Julie had about getting listed on the Local Register.

Reports, Requests:

Jerry read part of an invitation for commissioners to attend a CAMP workshop in Madison, at the Monona Terrace, on 29-30 May. It is FREE, with the State Historical Society funding the expenses. Jay took the materials and will attend if his schedule allows.

Jerry was given permission to order books from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. [Jelinek/Moser]

All motions were approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM. Next meeting at President Bower's call.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR 24 FEBRUARY 2009

Present: Jelinek, Mueller, Shannon, Bower, Moser, Marshall.

Absent: Andreae.

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

The Minutes of 27 January 2009 were unanimously approved as printed.
[Shannon/Mueller]

The commissioners set a public hearing on the applications of the Schwartings for the C. R. Thomson house, 499 E. Second, and the W. H. Pier Bank, 142 S. Central Ave., now owned by Terry & Barbara Ryan, for Tuesday, 31 March 2009, at 7:00 PM. Bower distributed copies of the applications and of the information he had researched on the builders of each structure.

Future Listings for the Local Register: Bower had reviewed the Minutes since 2001 and developed the following list of possible listings.

Roger and Elizabeth Gander home, 466 N. Central Ave. 647-8290. Ruth will contact.

Dora Smyth house, 493 S. Sheldon. Erich & Jennifer K. Ewers, present owners. 647-6907. No decision on contact.

The Jim & Barbara Hurd home, 591 N. Central Ave. 647-6678. Lee will contact.

The Stone Bungalow, 320 West Side Drive. Craig & Janet Tom, present owners. 647-1188. No decision on contact.

O.J. Burnham/Strang house, 361 N. Park. Michael & Mary Jo Nigl, present owners. 647-6651. No decision on contact.

St. Johns Church, 479 S. Park. Kenneth Halstead, pastor. 647-3000-church. Lee will contact.

Judge McCorkle home, 415 N. Central Ave. Samuel & Marjorie Scaletta, present owners. 647-3059. Jerry will contact.

Harvey Yeaman house, 383 N. Park. Keith & Victoria Ruetten, present owners. 647-6820. Lee will contact.

Rudy Everson house, 590 E. Third. Gregory & Rhonda Silbaugh, present owners. Unlisted phone. Jay will contact.

C. R. & A.A. Thomson home, 439 E. Second. Frank & Julie Ward, present owners. 647-8260. House is listed for sale, so we wait.

C.R. & A. A. Thomson home, 413 N. Pearl. Loreen Dietzman, present owner. 647-4745. Jerry will contact.

Reports:

Our membership in the National Trust for Historic Preservation has been renewed.

Thanks to research by Ruth, 25 plaques have been ordered, at a cost of \$122.00 each.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

NEXT MEETING: 31 MARCH 2009 AT 7:00 PM. THIS WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE LOCAL REGISTER.

Noted by Jerry Bower

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR 27 JANUARY 2009

Present: Bower, Shannon, Mueller, Andreae, Marshall, Jelinek, and Applicants
Cheryl Stanley & Beata Elliott.

Absent: Moser

President Bower called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Shannon moved/ Jelinek 2nd to approve the 22 December 2008 Minutes as printed.
Motion unanimously approved.

President Bower opened the Public Hearing by noting that the hearing had been properly noticed in the Observer and to the individual property owners.

We first considered the Fred H. Pratt home, which Cheryl Stanley currently owns. After brief discussion of the fantastic quality of this prairie school-style house, a listing on the Local Register was unanimously approved. [Mueller/Marshall]

Next, we considered Beata Elliott's application for her Robert C. Burnham house. Bower noted that the survey report erroneously listed Robert's father, John W. Burnham, as the builder of this home. Again, comment was made about the excellent condition of this prairie school-style house. Percy Bentley of LaCrosse was the architect for both the Pratt and Burnham homes, and for the City Auditorium. All three of these are now listed on the Local Register. The motion to list was unanimously approved. [Jelinek/Mueller]

Finally, we considered Jim Nelson's application for the Robinson Building, which is currently home of Nelson's Photography. Jim was unable to attend the hearing because his son, Matthew, had a basketball game. Richard Robinson was one of the businessmen who built the Court Street commercial district in the 1890s and early 1900s. Robinson built this building in 1917-18 as an investment, after he had retired from business. The longest tenent was the Coast-to-Coast store, which occupied the building from 1934 to 1977. Since then, Lou Coopey and Jim Nelson have had photography studios in the building. Again, the motion to list was unanimously approved. [Shannon/Andreae]

REPORTS:

Bower reported that he has contacted Terry Ryan about listing his building on South Central Avenue, which was originally the W. H. Pier Bank.

Mueller reported that he is prepared to soon contact the new owners of the Everson house.

Bower was empowered to call the next meeting when needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.