

Minutes

Village of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin Historic Preservation Commission

March 15, 2017
Whitefish Bay Village Hall
5300 North Marlborough Drive

1. Roll Call

The president called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were President Jefferson Aikin and Commissioners Ken Berg, Tom Fehring, and Carol Krigbaum.

The President noted that a quorum was present.

Also in attendance were four (4) Whitefish Bay High School students and Mr. Jacob W. Ruck, who has been nominated for appointment as a new HPC Commissioner.

2. Approval of minutes.

Vote was taken to approve the February 15, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Berg made that motion and Commissioner Krigbaum seconded it. Approved.

3. Revision of HPC membership ordinance.

The Ordinance has been officially revised such that there is no longer a requirement that our 7th member be a Village Trustee. Jacob W. Ruck has been nominated to fill that vacancy.

4. Update on History Press book on Whitefish Bay History

President Aikin and Commissioner Fehring updated the Commission on the progress of the book. President Aikin reported on finding a legitimate haunted house in the Bay – 4604 N. Murray was, for a time, haunted by “Aunt Irene.” Commissioner Fehring has been able to consolidate multiple images into a single image to allow for more pictures of historic Village residents to be included in the book. Many photographs have been provided by the Milwaukee County Historical Society; President Aikin was able to negotiate a lower-than-usual “cost of use” for the images.

5. Potential AHI Nominees

The list of potential nominees for the AHI was again reviewed. Commissioner Berg suggested that the Commission create some parameters for induction of properties based solely on occupants – for example, whether a home occupied for two years by Colleen Dewhurst (while she attended WFB High School freshman and sophomore years) should be included solely as a result of Ms. Dewhurst’s accomplishment as an actress? Is that connection substantial enough to qualify her home for the AHI? The Commission decided that AHI considerations should not be rushed because of the deadline for the book and that individual applications will need to be submitted for consideration.

6. New Business

The Milwaukee County Historical Society will Award Whitefish Bay the Anniversary Award in honor of the Village's 125th Anniversary at the Society's Annual Awards Dinner. The Village has reserved a table for eight and invited Commissioners on the Historic Preservation Commission first opportunity to attend. President Aikin and Commissioners Fehring and Krigbaum plan on attending.

7. Adjourn

Commissioner Berg, seconded by Commissioner Fehring, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m. with a motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol E. Krigbaum, for Julie K. Gilpin