

Historic Preservation Agenda
November 12, 2019
Reedsburg City Hall Council Chambers
5:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT A SUBJECT OVER WHICH THE COMMON COUNCIL HAS DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY. IF A QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ATTENDS THIS MEETING, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2019:

THE COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT DISCUSS THESE TOPICS, AND WILL NOT TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THEM AT THIS MEETING

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Discuss 2020 Historic Bus Tour.
- B. Consider donated historical items and history room.
- C. Consider local television/film history segments.

II. ADJOURN:



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Reedsburg, WI
October 8, 2019

Alder Jason Schulte called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 5:00 PM at Greenwood Cemetery/Nishan Chapel.

Present: Jeannine Mueller, Monica Liegel, Orris Smith, Lee Gnatzig

Absent: Shannon Knull

Staff: Brian Duvalle

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mueller, seconded by Smith to approve the 9/10/19 minutes.

Motion approved

Present historic plaque for Frank Pettis (Civil War drummer boy) gravesite.

Present National Register plaque for Nishan Chapel.

No action taken.

Discuss 2020 Historic Bus Tour.

Discussion was held on industries, 1950s, 1850s, Herbert Webb, Big Store fire, David Reed, saw log war, polio epidemic, and churches. Smith asked for members to send their suggestions and he will compile.

Consider donated historical items and history room.

Discussion was held on a new journal received by Mueller and working with the Log Village item displays.

Consider local television/film history segments.

Discussion was held on a possible video on Abner Harris.

Motion by Mueller, seconded by Liegel to adjourn at 5:31 PM.

Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duvalle
Planner/Building Inspector

We plan to focus on the 1850's and 1950's for the 2020 tour.

Off-load stops for the next three years are tentatively planned for:

2020: Webb Middle School

2021 Chamber of Commerce / Old Train Depot

2022 Greenwood Cemetery (Pettis, Civil War Monument, etc.)

Please sign up for maybe two subjects that you could help write between now and February. Your help is much appreciated.

1. Herbert Webb, Webb Park, Webb School, Webb Fund (listing the many causes receiving funding). Webb was born in 1858.
Park was dedicated in 1952; cannon dedicated in 1958.
2. The Big Store fire was in 1957. A first owner was Herbert Webb, age 25.
Many interesting business details to offer of how mdse. Was arranged, etc.
3. David Reed died in 1859. His four sons were living in Reedsburg in 1850.
4. Churches that started, mostly in the 1850s, and a bit about each.
5. The so-called Sawlog War ended around 1850, but has had effects on several communities every since.
6. United Radio Auction started in 1953. (Would Jeannine prefer this one? She'd have great inside information on this!)
7. There was a 1950 Polio epidemic, and a 1951 Small Pox scare in Reedsburg.
8. 1950s Transportation evolution:
 - a. Baraboo River is bridged in 1853
 - b. Twice weekly stage line between Reedsburg and Baraboo in 1856
 - c. Stage line established between Reedsburg and Kilbourn (Wisc. Dells) in 1857.
 - d. Stage line established between Reedsburg and Spring Green in 1859.
 - e. Only livery stable in Reedsburg was by A. H. Clark in 1856.
 - f. Down to 2 trains running through Reedsburg at start of 1950's.
 - g. Interstate roads of 1940's and 1950's caused train travel to wane.
 - h. Parking meters installed downtown in 1951.
9. Miscellaneous, like Outdoor theatre, starting in 1951;
 - a. Little League started 1951;
 - b. Girls Scout cabin history;
 - c. (assorted available in Remembering Reedsburg)

Thanks for agreeing to help out with this! Stay warm!

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