

Historic Preservation Agenda  
August 11, 2025  
Reedsburg City Hall Council Chambers  
**4:30 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**I. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 14, 2025**

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**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. Review progress on Mackey & Heaton historic recognition at Mackey Park
- B. Review update on Cemetery Walk plans, September 13
- C. Consider attendance at Local History and Historic Preservation Conference, Oct 15-17
- D. Review update on possible future historic museum
- E. Review the HPC webpage and coordination with City

**II. ADJOURN:**



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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Reedsburg, WI  
July 14, 2025

Chair Glen Slaats called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 4:30 PM in Reedsburg City Hall.

**Present:** Alder Aaron Bauer, Monica Liegel, Joan Martin, Stephanie Hasler, Jan Aslaksen

**Absent:** Nancy Manion, Jeff Seering

**Staff:** Brian Duvall

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Liegel to approve the 6/9/25 minutes.

Motion approved

### **Review progress on Mackey/Heaton historic recognition: wording; placement; design.**

Martin and Ellen Henningsen talked about the proposed language of the sign. Discussion was held on who to get quotes from, what type of sign and where to place it. The sign could include three sections on Heaton, Mackeys, and mills. Martin will consult with Paul Wolter, who has installed previous signs for the county.

### **Review update on Cemetery Walk plans, September 13**

The promotional material was sent out and are looking for sponsors. Discussion was held on a newspaper article, sign at airport and placing temporary signs around town.

### **Consider financial commitment for Cemetery Walk expenses.**

Motion by Liegel, seconded by Hasler to approve \$500 for honorariums and other expenses.

Motion approved

### **Consider annual WAHPC membership**

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Aslaksen to approve the \$40 annual membership.

Motion approved

### **Review issues with HPC webpage and coordination with City.**

It was determined that the HPC website will not work with the city website. Discussion was held on the HPC website remaining separate but needing tech support for user and security authorizations.

### **Review information from Local History and Historic Preservation Conference, Oct 15-17.**

The HPC has a booth reserved. Anyone member interested in going might be approved at the next meeting.

### **Review information from the State Historic Preservation Office regarding future funding and projects.**

Jason Tish from the WHS sent an email that 2026 funding is unknown, but to still send in requests just in case.

Motion by Hasler, seconded by Aslaksen to adjourn at 5:36 PM.

Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duvall, Planner/Building Inspector

## Workshops, Sessions and Real-World Tools for History Leaders

Join us in Baraboo to experience the high-quality sessions and workshops that have become synonymous with our annual conference. Our detailed conference schedule is available by clicking below.

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### Turn Ideas Into Action with Practical Workshops and Sessions

- Explore creative fundraising strategies from experts and peers, helping you build relationships with donors and secure funding for the programs that matter most to your community.
- Learn how to launch or expand a digitization program, even on a shoestring budget, so you can preserve your collections and make them accessible to a wider audience.
- Discover how small museums are using outdoor signage, traveling exhibits and creative programming to reach new audiences—giving you fresh tools for low-cost public engagement.
- Discover inspiring preservation case studies, from saving buildings to restoring bridges, so that you can bring creative solutions home.
- Join the conversation on the upcoming America250 anniversary and gather ideas, funding opportunities, and tested programs that your community can adapt in 2026.
- Build relationships with fellow preservationists, museum professionals and local historians across Wisconsin and leave with a network of collaborators, mentors and idea-sharers.
- Understand how to care for historic items and archives, including textiles, paper and photos so you can preserve fragile local stories for the next generation.

**28 One-Hour Sessions Including:**

- Designating Local Landmarks
- Using PBS Wisconsin Education Resources
- Cemetery Preservation Basics
- Digitization Projects Using a Limited Budget
- Resources for Making a Meaningful America<sup>250</sup>
- Creating Connections for Fundraising
- Local Government Records and Local Repositories
- Heritage Tourism Tactics
- Designing a Traveling Exhibit on a Budget
- And many more!

**8 Half-Day Workshops Including:**

- Small Museum Collections Care Policies
- Boost Your Web, Social Media, and Email Skills
- Strategic Planning for the Future
- Managing Archives
- Effective Exhibits
- Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in Your Organization
- Textile Care for Small Museums
- Planning a Digitization Project