



OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Historic Preservation Commission
DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Blake Opal- Steve Miller
Wahoske (C)
Christine Martens Brian Mason
(VC)
Michael Martens Patrick Bacher
Dave Oberbeck Brad Lenz
Kevin Crooks (Ex Officio)
Linda Tryczak Bill Herbert
(Ex Officio)

Members Present: Blake Opal-Wahoske, Christine Martens, Michael Martens, Brian Mason, Patrick Bacher, Dave Oberbeck
Members Not Present: William Hebert
Members Excused: Kevin Crooks, Linda Tryczak, Steve Miller
Present 6, Not Present 1, Excused 3

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM.

1 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

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Motion by Commission Member Christine Martens, seconded by Commission Member Mason, to approve Regular Historic Preservation Commission Minutes.
Motion Passed 6-0.

2 Discussion and possible action.

a. Discussion and possible action on Landmark Nomination form and instructions.

Chair Opal-Wahoske reviewed the edits made to the nomination form and instructions. C. Martens suggested adding to whom and how someone can submit that nomination form. Staff will add address and email to the form instructions.

Motion by Alderperson Martens, seconded by Commission Member Mason, to approve the Landmark Nomination form and instructions. Motion Passed 6-0.

b. Discussion and possible action on Historic Preservation Policy Manual.

Chair Opal-Wahoske reviewed his memo on the Historic Preservation Policy Manual and suggested that this could be a good onboarding document for new members. Mason suggested that if the Commission did not want to create an entire manual, perhaps guidelines for the most consistent work of the committee would be a more appealing document. Lenz suggested that the clerk's or attorney's office could provide education on meeting law, Robert's Rules, etc. Opal-Wahoske suggested an annual presentation on the functions of the Commission with additional presentations on open meetings, Robert's Rules, etc. C Martens comments that a policy manual could be long and intimidating to new members and prefers

the approach of an annual presentation. Staff will create a flow chart for the most common tasks of the Commission to provide to members for their reference.

Commission members would also like to see an agenda item added for future meetings that allows for brainstorming potential landmarks. Staff will work with the attorney's office to determine the appropriate language for a brainstorming agenda item.

3 Discussion.

4 Adjournment.

Motion by Commission Member Mason, seconded by Commission Member Christine Martens, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 04:37 PM.

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