

**Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting**  
Minutes – December 6, 2011

Present: Kathy Jordan, Jody Motz, Jon Schler, David Bailey, Michael Menard and PJ McGovern  
Not Present: Chris Endreson and Kevin Reimer  
Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services

The Board convened at 4:00 pm at City Hall

**Minutes of October 4, 2011 Meeting.** Michael Menard made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2011 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) on a second by Jon Schler.

**Activities/Projects for 2012 Historic Preservation Month (May).** The Board discussed ideas for activities and projects to sponsor for 2012 Historic Preservation Month in May and would like to pursue the following:

- Historic Preservation Award – Handy Chapel was suggested for 2012 award recipient
- I Spy Contest – Suggested using photographs of interior details this year
- Old House Forum – Kristen will follow up with Daniel Gartner of Chamberlin Architects to see if he would be willing to help with the event this year

**Other Activities/Projects for 2012.** The Board discussed ideas for other activities and projects to undertake in 2012 and would like to pursue the following:

- Booth at Landscapes West Expo and/or Home Show – Jon Schler said that the Landscapes West Expo only happens every other year so it would not be held in 2012. Jody Motz will follow up with the Homebuilders Association to see about a booth at the Home Show
- Downloadable walking/driving tours – It was suggested that these could be created in Google Earth with little or no cost involved. Kristen will research.
- Participate in the Downtown Operation Foresights 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The event may be happening in May which could correspond with Historic Preservation Month. Kristen and Kathy Jordan will try to find out who in the community is heading up the effort and determine how the Board could become involved.
- Kristen will continue working on the historic preservation page for the new City web site

**Updates.** PJ McGovern reported that the building south of the railroad depot is now bank owned and perhaps there were some opportunities to coordinate redevelopment of the area around both buildings.

Kathy reported that the St. Joseph Church is thinking of demolishing the old church building that is now used as the parish hall. A structural report has been prepared for it and both the roof and floor are experiencing movement. The Board agreed it would be good to look into whether the building could be designated so that it would be eligible for grant funds to help with the stabilization work. Kristen and Kathy will research the status.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.