



# City of West Allis

## Meeting Minutes

### Historical Commission

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

5:00 PM

West Allis Historical Society  
8405 W. National Ave.

#### REGULAR MEETING (draft minutes)

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

#### B. ROLL CALL

**Present** 4 - Devan Gracyalny, Barbara Hart, Marissa Nowling, Petra Theurich  
**Excused** 2 - Mayor Dan Devine, Rory Modlinski

#### Others Attending

Shaun Mueller, Economic Development, Development Project Manager  
Carson Coffield, Economic Development Specialist  
Jason Haas, Optimist Theatre

#### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [24-0099](#) January 10, 2024 (draft) Minutes

**Attachments:** [January 10, 2024 \(draft\) Minutes](#)

Hart moved to approve this matter, Nowling seconded, motion carried.

#### D. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

2. [24-0013](#) Consideration relative to the Financial Report for the period ending 3/1/24 presented by Devan Gracyalny, Vice Chair/Treasurer

*Mr. Gracyalny reported the current balance on hand is \$2,210.15.*

#### E. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

3. [24-0014](#) Report from the West Allis Historical Society.

*Jason Haas, of Optimist Theatre, informed the committee of a potential use of Honey Creek Park for a performance of Shakespeare in the Park. It would take place between June - August, consisting of one performance in West Allis and sixty overall throughout the area. The Historical Commission indicated support for this event. Mr. Mueller indicated he'd work with Mr. Haas to move it forward.*

4. [24-0158](#) Discussion regarding Log Cabin on Historical Society grounds.

*Mr. Mueller will email Ms. Rausch regarding the preservation treatment.*

**This matter was Discussed.**

5. [24-0159](#) Update on subgrant received from Wisconsin Historical Society for designations of properties to National Register of Historic Places.

*Mr. Coffield updated the commission and indicated that staff is working with a consultant to find additional properties to designate.*

**This matter was Discussed.**

**6. [24-0160](#)**

Discussion regarding potentially designating 801 S. 60 St. as a local landmark.

*Mr. Gracyalny indicated an interest from CBS 58 to designate the property as a local landmark. Mr. Mueller indicated that Mr. Gracyalny or CBS 58 should contact the property owner to seek permission to apply for local landmark status. Mr. Mueller provided Mr. Gracyalny with the contract information of the property owner.*

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion made by Ms. Theurich, seconded by Ms. Nowling to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. The motion carried.*



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