



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Historical Commission

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 128
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

REGULAR MEETING (draft minutes)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-0090](#) January 29, 2025 (draft) Minutes

Attachments: [January 29, 2025 \(draft\) Minutes](#)

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

D. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

2. [25-0025](#) Consideration relative to the Financial Report for the period ending 3/1/25 presented by Devan Gracyalny, Vice Chair/Treasurer.

Mr. Gracyalny reported the current balance on hand is \$2,422.15.

3. [25-0026](#) Report from the West Allis Historical Society.

The West Allis Historical Society is looking at ways to get endowment back into the Community. Looking to sponsor community events, etc.. Estimates for new lighting came in for inside the West Allis Historical Society building. Faith Technologies will handle the project for \$8,000 - \$9,000.

4. [25-0106](#) Discussion regarding the Log Cabin on Historical Society grounds.

The log cabin will open on May 1, 2025. There are concerns regarding wooden shingles which are causing small leakages. An option discussed is to consider adding preservative to the logs and roof.

5. [25-0107](#) 2025 projects, consideration of Liberace historic remembrance.

Liberace historic remembrance has been added to to the West Allis Historical Society, display area.

Petra Theurich is kindly loaning some Liberace records and paraphernalia for this exhibit.

Liberace Exhibit will include: candelabras, Mayor Proclamation, scarf, etc.

1649 S 60 St. - picture of his old house and a sign on light pole - Home of Liberace.

If doing a statue of Liberace, what is the best location? Consult with the Village of West Milwaukee and come back with best location.

6. [25-0108](#)

Consideration of planning for a Brewfest at the Historical Society.

Brewfest at the West Allis Historical Society would include beer and food trucks, along with selling tickets to promote a cause.

When would be the best date to hold the Brewfest, and possibly consider raising money for the Liberace statue?

A date needs to be picked out and an invite given to Chelsea Famularo to attend the next meeting.

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Nowling to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.



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