



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Historical Commission

Wednesday, September 10, 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 5:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mayor Dan Devine, Devan Gracyalny, Barbara Hart, Marissa Nowling, Petra Theurich

Excused 1 - Rory Modlinski

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-0300](#) July 9, 2025 (draft) Minutes

Attachments: [July 9, 2025 \(draft\) Minutes](#)

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

D. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

2. [25-0025](#) Consideration relative to the Financial Report for the period ending 9/1/25 presented by Devan Gracyalny, Vice Chair/Treasurer.
Mr. Gracyalny reported no major changes; soup sales remain strong. The running balance total is currently \$2,602.15.
3. [25-0026](#) Report from the West Allis Historical Society.
It Support & Comprehensive Plan - Mr. Gracyalny reported that the West Allis Historical Society contracted a new IT firm for security and technology, and noted missing preservation efforts in the latest comprehensive plan.
4. [25-0106](#) Discussion regarding the Log Cabin on Historical Society grounds.
Mr. Gracyalny reported the log cabin's roof needs repair. Shaun Mueller reported he is coordinating with City staff on next steps.
5. [25-0246](#) Discussion regarding time capsules obtained from St. Aloysius Church.
Mr. Gracyalny reported that some residents want to open the time capsules sooner. Staff reported they will coordinate with Marketing on the presentation, likely to be held in May 2026.
6. [25-0332](#) Update on nominations as part of Subgrant for National Register of Historic Designation.
Carson Coffield reported Mt. Hope presentation by Traci Schnell went well and was approved. Staff is still working the State Historic Preservation Office on the Longfellow School nomination.

7. [25-0107](#) 2025 projects, consideration of Liberace historic remembrance.
Commission discussed ongoing interest in a historical initiative focused on Liberace.
8. [25-0108](#) Consideration of planning for a Brewfest at the Historical Society.
Commission discussed coordinating a Brewfest at the Historical Society grounds in May 2026.

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nowling, seconded by Theurich to adjourn the meeting at 5:533 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.



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