



# City of West Allis

## Meeting Minutes

### Historical Commission

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

4:08 PM

City Hall, Art Gallery  
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

#### REGULAR MEETING (draft minutes)

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Devine, Chair at 4:08 p.m.*

#### B. ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Mayor Dan Devine, Barbara Hart, Sarah Fonaas, Devan Gracyalny, Ray Nazer, John Noll, and Patricia Wolfe

#### Others Attending

*Alderpers Roadt; Shaun Mueller, Development Project Manager; and Ms. Lois Pocian, member of the public*

#### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-0194](#) March 11, 2020 (draft) Minutes

**Attachments:** [3-11-20 \(draft\) Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Wolfe, that the minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Devine, Hart, Fonaas, Gracyalny, Nazer, Noll, and Wolfe

**No:** 0

#### D. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

2. [21-0195](#) Consideration relative to the Financial Report for the period ending 5/11/21 presented by Devan Gracyalny, Vice Chair/Treasurer

*Mr. Gracyalny reported the state of the budget to the committee, and that the current balance on hand is \$6,260.87.*

**A motion was made by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Wolfe, that the Financial Report be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Devine, Hart, Fonaas, Gracyalny, Nazer, Noll, and Wolfe

**No:** 0

#### E. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

3. [21-0196](#) Report from the West Allis Historical Society

*A CDBG Grant was received to replace the doors at the Historical Society building. The contractor has been at the site and is putting together plans and an estimate.*

4. [21-0197](#) Status Reports - Historical Commission Projects and Activities

**A. Log Schoolhouse**

*Mr. Gracyalny reported that there are maintenance issues and a few wooden shingles need to be replaced.*

**B. Seneca Station**

*In the near future, a cleaning date will need to be scheduled.*

**C. Social Media Updates**

*At this time, there was nothing to report.*

5. [21-0198](#) Planning for the 2021 Beer Garden Events scheduled on the Historical Society grounds/Honey Creek Park

*The 2021 Beer Garden Events will begin on May 28th from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and will continue on the following dates: June 26, July 10, August 7, August 28, and September 17, for a total of 6 dates.*

*These dates are held on Saturdays except for September 17th, which is a Friday.*

*The log cabin and museum will be open for these events.*

6. [21-0199](#) Discussion regarding the design and contracting for the new doors on the Historical Society building, funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

*This matter was discussed as part of Item #3.*

7. [21-0200](#) Discussion regarding restarting the Log Schoolhouse Field Trips for the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District for the 2022 school year

*Mr. Mueller stated that he will work with the Communications Department to publicize the Log Schoolhouse Field Trips to encourage WA-WM schools to schedule visits in the fall of 2021, school year.*

8. [21-0201](#) Discussion regarding potential maintenance items and improvements at the Honey Creek Cemetery

*Some matters which were discussed by the committee included a kickoff meeting should be held to discuss a potential plan as well as a possible Cemetery Subcommittee formed.*

*Aldersperson Roadt asked if there was COVID money available to help with these expenses?*

*Discussion ensued regarding obtaining help from the Communications Department to get the word out regarding the maintenance items and improvements needed at the Cemetery. It was also noted to follow the Dog Park 'playbook', which had been successful.*

*Lois Pocian, member of the public, stated that she has set up a Go Fund Me page with a goal of raising \$10,000. Also discussed was a Road Map as to how to go about the process. Mr. Gracyalny indicated that this needs to be a slow process.*

## F. ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Mr. Nazer and seconded by Ms. Hart to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.*



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