

City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes MILWAUKEE CITY HALL HISTORICAL EXHIBIT WORK GROUP

Paul Jakubovich, Chair
Paul Fredrich and Gary Petersen

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Wednesday, May 4, 2011

2:00 PM

Room 303, City Hall

Meeting convened at 2:03 P.M.

Present 2 - Petersen and Jakubovich

Excused 1 - Fredrich

Other individuals present:

Tina Klose - Public Information Division City Clerk's Office Anita Zeidler -Chuck Baumbach - Milwaukee Valley, CA Michael Carriere - MSOE Asst. Professor

1. Review and approval of previous minutes.

Motion by Mr. Petersen to approve minutes. There were no objections.

2. Review of plans for conversion of phone booth.

Individual present:

Babette Kis - Infrastructure Services Bldgs - DPW

Mr. Jakubovich said that the work group needs to move ahead with its recommendations/plans in order for those to be included for consideration in the budget by the end of May 2011. He said that this could be the last chance anything museum-related may be considered due to budget constraint for the years to come.

Ms. Kis said that she is waiting for a cost estimate for the phone booth plans. She presented to the group a print out of the space available and a print out of the space suggested. Mr. Jakubovich asked her if the plans can move forward without having an operating maintenance budget approved. Ms. Kis said that she will wait to receive the cost estimate she requested before she can answer that. Mr. Jakubovich said that City Hall will be center of a downtown tour coming up in September. The goal is to fundraise during this event.

3. Discussion of dedicated museum space.

Mr. Jakubovich said that room 101 as originally intended for the museum is not a suitable space at this time. Mr. Petersen asked what is going to be displayed in this museum room that could not be displayed in an open area for the public to see at their leisure; are there things of value that there is concern about or is there an issue with the size of certain items to be used as a display that will not fit in the gallery space? Mr. Jakubovich said that there are certain pieces of art for example a 1940's picture of Carl Zeidler also there are terracotta pieces that will need to have a strong foundation floor. Ms. Zeidler suggested finding a suitable museum space in the basement area of the municipal building. Ms. Kis said that there is some basement space that it will need to be looked at for this purpose.

Mr. Petersen said that the group needs to identify what items are available to be displayed in order to find the best place for those items.

The following recommendations were made by the group:

- 1. To produce a short video to be shown on some large screen format for tour purposes.
- 2. To incorporate the small lion head terracotta pieces into a semi circular seating area to be integrated into the park between City Hall building and 809 building accompanied by appropriate signage that will reflect the history.
- 3. To explore configuration options so that room 303 can be use for city employees meetings as well as a general tour gathering spot to view a potential video with some artifacts and images to enhance the experience.
- Mr. Jakubovich will follow up with the city clerk office about the possibility of doing that with room 303 and report back at the next meeting. He also asked Ms. Kis that if there is a space that she suggests can be use, to contact Mr. Jakubovich.
- 4. To explore the idea of better way to display the Council Chambers and maintain security. Mr. Petersen will investigate this notion furthe.

4. Discussion of fundrasing for museum project.

This item was not discussed.

5. Selection of the next project.

Phone booth idea display case will be contigent upon cost estimate that Ms. Kis will be working on.

6. Discussion of terra cotta for HPC office.

Mr. Jakubovich requested a piece of terracotta to be displayed in the HPC office that he would like to discuss this possibility with Ms. Kis as to the location. Ms. Kis said that it can not be placed in front of the entrance door due to the space requirements. As to the inside of the office, she will check for the floor requirements.

Motion by Mr. Jakubovich to have a terracotta piece in the Historic Preservation office subject to floor requirements and cost.

Mr. Petersen did not agree to this request. He wants to wait until the next meeting to make a final recommendation on this request/motion and give Mr. Fredrich the opportunity to hear this discussion.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11P.M. Joanna Polanco Staff Assistant



