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Meeting Minutes MILWAUKEE CITY HALL HISTORICAL EXHIBIT WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, April 13, 2011

2:00 PM

Room 303, City Hall

Meeting called to order at 2:07 P.M.

Members present:

Paul Jakubovich

Paul Fredrich

Gary Petersen

Ken Germanson - WI Labor History Society

Anita Zeidler

Tina Klose - Public Information Division - City Clerk's Office

1. Approval of March 16, 2011 meeting minutes.

Minutes were unanimously accepted.

2. Public comments

Mr. Germanson and Ms. Zeidler expressed their personal interest to make sure that working people are recognized for their labor when putting together the City Hall Museum.

3. Review of recommendations from each committee member

Mr. Fredrich brought to the table a series of pictures to show the group of some of the things and areas that can be used.

Mr. Jakubovich's list of recommendations was the following:

First floor museum room, next to the information desk to become a museum

Ask for the basement room in the south end of the city hall for a possible museum location

Headset personal tours

Convert phone booths at the south end of the City Hall rotunda to an informational display

Place terracotta urn in front of the building

Place a kiosk in front of city hall with a visual directory as well as an electronic message that would have an ongoing scroll of the events and meetings held in City Hall linked to channel 25
Light up the bell in the bell tower
A gift shop area
A revised tour pamphlet with an emphasis on the physical labor and craftsmanship of the people involved in building City Hal and the work of government as part of the whole museum experience
Signs downtown to direct people to City Hall
Retain the existing terracotta as opposed to selling it off and create a terracotta sculpture garden with a Lion-Henge in the park across from city hall on Market street
Plant trees in front of the Treasurer's Office
Place terracotta in the HPC office
Fund raising to speed up the implementation process of these projects
A better viewing access to the CC Chambers
Better ID for existing historic photos that are already on City Hall walls
An area where public notices are kept and newspapers are to be arranged creatively
Incremental introduction of these recommendations to get as many of these goals attained before the Open Door Tour event scheduled for Sept 24-25, 2011
Closer TV cameras to see the view of the top of the City Hall tower along with web camera, digital readouts, and narrative for messages
Creaton of support groups to help the implementation of the city hall museum.

4. Final recommendations

Members agreed to prioritize the list to focus on the following recommendations:
Conversion of the rotunda phone booths to an informational display
Revision of a tour pamphlet
Better viewing access to the Common Council Chambers

5. Discussion of the future role for the committee

Mr. Petersen said that he will follow up with Tina Klose and designer Babette Kis to start discussion on the phone booth conversion project. In addition, the work group will look at the phase incremental introduction of any recommendations.

6. Set next meeting date and time

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 P.M.

Joanna Polanco
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