

# Meeting Minutes MILWAUKEE CITY HALL HISTORICAL EXHIBIT WORK GROUP

Paul Jakubovich, Chair Paul Fredrich and Gary Petersen

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Wednesday, May 25, 2011	2:00 PM	Room 303, City Hall

Meeting convened at 2:00 P.M.

**Present** 3 - Petersen, Fredrich and Jakubovich

Other individual present: Tina Klose - Public Information Division City Clerk's Office Anita Zeidler Mr. Ray Wersel - Bricklayer Union Dennis Geraghty - Channel 25 Manager Ron Leonhardt - City Clerk

## 1. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes.

*Mr.* Fredrich moved to amend minutes of May 4th 2011 by reflecting that he was not present at that meeting. Moved to accept minutes of May 4th as amended, seconded by *Mr.* Petersen.

## 2. Final recommendations: discussion of timetable for implementation.

*Mr.* Jakubovich moved to accept plans of the phone booth as submitted by facility management to convert the phone booth into a kiosk/information center for the Milwaukee City Hall Exhibit including a monitor, seconded by Mr. Fredrich.

*Mr.* Fredrich moved to that Facility Division will begin working on the phone booth and be paid by the facility budget. seconded by Mr. Jakubovich.

## **3.** Public comment/input and discussion.

# 4. Recommendations of possible audiovisual equipment for Room 303 in City Hall.

*Mr.* Geraghty said that audiovisual equipement for room 303 will depend on long things will be ran or durability; a projector or LCD plasma TV can be used. Amount to be spend could range between \$2000-2500 dolars. A total of \$5000 to set up room 303 with all the electronic connections and equipment. Possiblity to have room 303

ready by teh deadline the work group would like to have met by September.

*Mr.* Petersen moved to LCD 60in screen size with the dvd player/blue ray player and the auxielary speakers with the estimated cost of \$5000 be part of the final report for Council.

*Mr.* Fredrich asked that the group continues to discuss other parts of the museum project to intergrate the cost factor.

## 5. Recommendations for short video regarding history of City Hall.

*Mr.* Germanson and Ms. Zeidler submitted the following script for the short video regarding City Hall history:

"The Milwaukee City Hall, completed in 1895, is a unique symbol of the idealism and human spirit of Milwaukee citizens who, after experiencing the trauma of the killings in the 1886 Bay View incident, conceived this Flemish style building as a proper home fit for a fair and honest government. That government was realized, beginning in 1910 when citizens registered their disapproval of corruption and tyranny at the ballot-box by electing a series of city leaders who would go on to earn a national reputation for being unusually just, responsible, frugal, and dedicated officials. When built, the City Hall was the tallest inhabited building in the world! Today, its old grandeur restored, it stands as a tribute to the people of this city and to all those people who govern with high principles for the benefit of all citizens."

#### 6. Possible exhibits for room 303.

*Mr.* Leonhardt said that if the work group prefers to use room 303 as an exhibit room, certain conditions will have to be met in order to support the recommendation to the Common Council; room 303 has to remain a very flexible meeting room, that any enhancements such as video equipment or any changes to furnishings be done in such a way that they serve a dual purposes as much as possible. If this conditions meet the description of what the work group is planning to display, than room 303 can be a wonderful space. Mr. Leonhardt believes that there are other spaces that can be considered.

*Mr.* Fredrich offered another available area located down on the basement of City Hall building across from the Historic Preservation Office; a 700 sq ft. area that, will not conflict with meetings, there are no floor loading requirements. Mr. Fredrich proposes that Facility Division will fund the initial design of this space for up to \$12,000 in design fees for this space.

*Mr.* Leonhardt said that this room is vacant, however due to remodeling project of the City Records area who is using this room on a temporary basis.

*Mr.* Jakubovich asked when can this room be available for use. *Mr.* Fredrich said that it can be demolish to a certain point. It depends on the short term plans. He would like to moved forward with the phone booth area plan on the first floor of city hall. the project has an estimate of \$10,000 dolars for the cost associated with the work. *Mr.* Leonhardt said that part of the process is that this body needs to make recommendation to the Common Council including the funding plan.

*Mr.* Fredrich made motion to move forward with the plans for the phone booth, the facility budget will incurred a cost of \$25,000 dolars to cover the design cost as well

as the retrofit cost for the phone booth.

*Mr.* Fredrich moved to accept the room in the basement of City Hall as a dedicated museum space and move forward with the preliminary designs componets of that. Seconded by Mr. Jakubovich

*Mr.* Fredrich presented a design for the phone booth wich will be restructured. *Mr.* Leonhardt asked *Mr.* Fredrich if they can also considered the display case across the old phone booth when working in the retructuring and reconfiguring of the phone booths.

*Mr.* Ray Wersel offered available skilled trade workers that will volunteer their time to help with museum project.

## 7. Set next meeting date.

Quorum was lost at 3:05 P.M. Meeting adjourned Joanna Polanco Staff Assistant

# The Milwaukee City Hall

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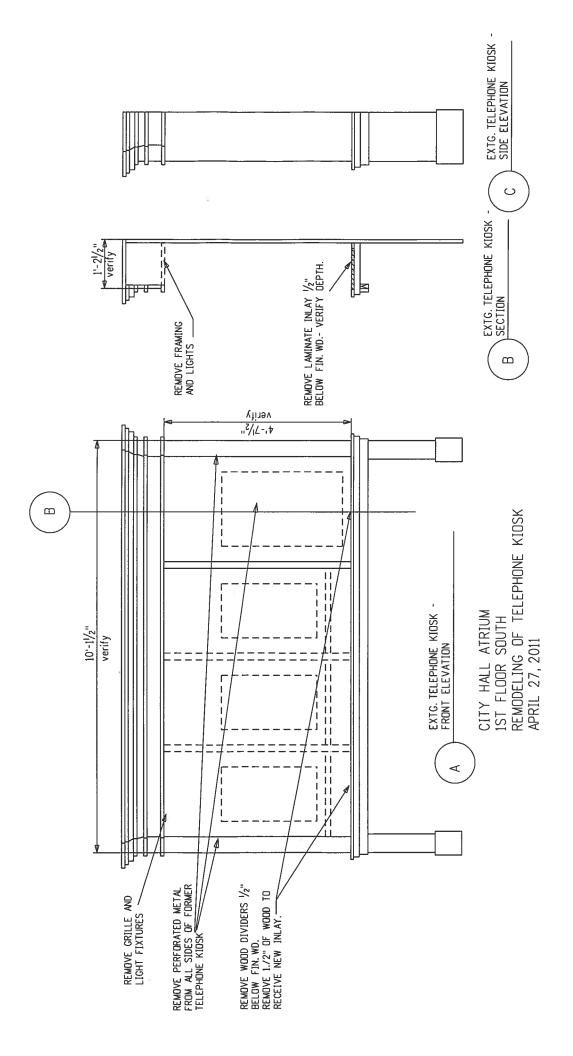
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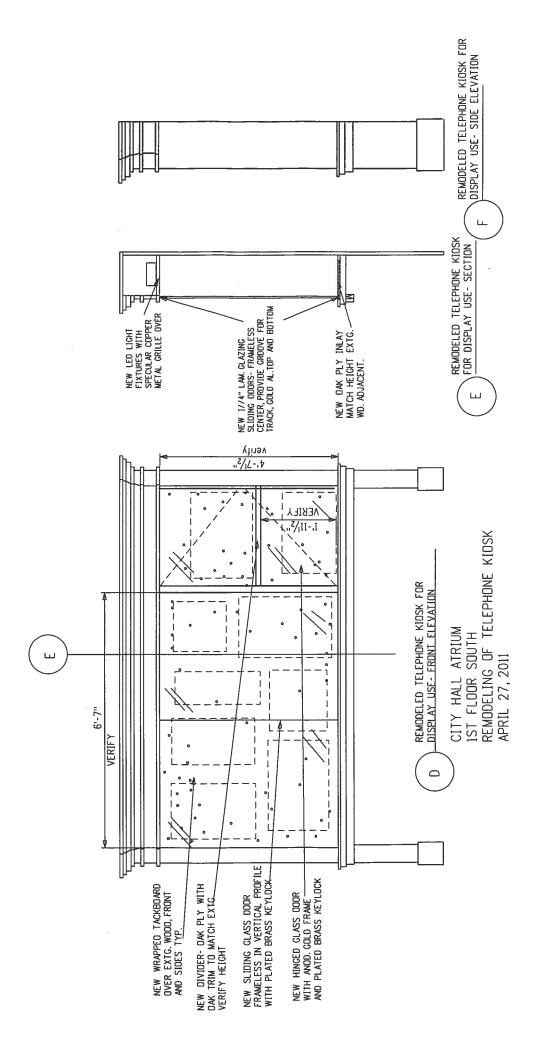
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