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Meeting Minutes MILWAUKEE CITY HALL HISTORICAL EXHIBIT WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, March 16, 2011

2:00 PM

Room 301-A, City Hall

Meeting convened at: 2:14 P.M.

Individuals present:

*Ken Germanson - Wisconsin Labor History Society
313 E Plainfield Ave Milwaukee WI 53207*

*Anita Zeidler - daughter of late Mayor Zeidler
Ald. Jim Bohl - Common Council Member
Tina Klose - Public Information Division City Clerk's Office
Anna-Marie Opgenorth - Director of Historic Milwaukee*

1. Approval of December 7, 2010 minutes and January 26, 2011 minutes.

Motion by Mr. Petersen to approved minutes seconded by Mr. Jakubovich.

2. Discussion of possible location of new museum.

Mr. Paul Jakubovich said that the work group made a field visit tour to look at the artifacts that came from the City Hall exterior, in order to brainstorm for potential locations to incorporate a City Hall museum. Mr. Jakubovich showed the different potential locations on a print out package compiled by Ms. Tina Klose, Public Information Division. The packet offers suggestions for some general ideas for a space inside the building for a dedicated museum, some suggestion for incorporation of the artifacts for the outdoors of city hall, as well as a kiosk and signage.

Mr. Petersen prepared some ideas, he said that he would not want to see the museum packed into one room that people might miss; he would rather have it incorporated throughout the different levels of the atrium.

Ald. Bohl, present for this discussion, said that he is happy to see the efforts and thought creating a showcase for city hall. He likes the concept of having a display in every floor of the city hall; also he likes the idea of utilizing the initial entrance room because is very inviting near the information center. Having scheduled tours, including self-guided tours with headsets offering additional explanation of a given floor. Ald. Bohl also said that it is important to keep the exhibits within the city hall building.

Mr. Ken Germanson, former president of the Wisconsin Labor History Society who has been working with Chuck Baumbach native of Milwaukee who suggested the

idea of the creation of a city hall museum.

Ms. Anita Zeidler, citizen, appeared and said she feels an ownership to city hall since her dad was mayor in the city of Milwaukee. She thinks this is an extraordinary building and there is a lot of stories about this building. She said that this building belongs to the people of Milwaukee because it was built by ordinary people of Milwaukee and she thinks those stories need to be told.

Ms. Anna-Marie Opgenorth said that this is an extremely important project and she feels that city hall is underappreciated by the people that live in Milwaukee. She likes the idea of formalizing the entrance space and it should be another entry way into the city of Milwaukee. The ideas of kiosks and viewing stations will be a great way to engage artists and architects in Milwaukee to design those or even students to reflect the pride in the local craftsmanship. Historic Milwaukee offers its help in terms of raising funds for these projects. She asked where in the process is the work group in terms of developing awareness and or funds for this project.

Mr. Jakubovich responded that the Milwaukee City Hall Historical Exhibit Work Group was created by a file sponsor by Ald. Bohl and its function is to provide recommendations to the common council which is the final decision making body.

Mr. Jakubovich asked if the members were ready to make such recommendations to the Common Council.

Ald. Bohl recommended for the work group push forward recommendations so a communication file be introduced at the Public Works Committee. This may be something that could be accomplished in a period of time.

Mr. Petersen suggests putting together a "shopping list" to be presented to the Common Council.

3. Discussion of possible exterior locations of City Hall artifacts.

This item was discussed under item #2 of this agenda.

4. Discussion of the time line for recommendation making regarding the artifacts.

Mr. Petersen moved to continue the discussion of the ideas presented at this meeting until prepared to make informed recommendations to the Common Council. seconded by Mr. Jakubovich.

5. Input from Council members and city departments.

This item was discussed under item #2 of this agenda.

6. Future agenda items and meeting dates/times.

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 2:00 P.M., Room #303 city hall.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:22 P.M.

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