



# City of Burlington

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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

### **Call to order**

Chairman Stelling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Chairman Tom Stelling, Commissioners Jeff Erickson, Judy Stone, and Joel Weis. Commissioners Maria Veronico-Ventura and Peter Hintz were excused as well as Patrick Scherrer, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator. Also present was Stephanie Schulte of Racine County Economic Development Corporation and Jennifer Lehrke of LJM Architectes. A quorum was present.

**Citizen's comments.** There were no citizen comments.

**Historical Building Survey** - Chairman Stelling stated that the City applied as a Certified Local Government (CLG) for a grant of \$24,000 from Wisconsin Historical Society which was awarded. The City received three proposals, did two interviews and selected LJM Architects to do the survey. He further stated that as a CLG we are required to establish historical sites.

Jennifer Lehrke of LJM Architects stated that the grant covers everything. She further stated that the survey will take place from November to July and that they have brochures for distribution.

Jennifer went on to say that the survey will contain the following major work tasks.

**RECOGNICANCE** – Jennifer stated that this is to determine what sites are significant and the site should look like the original. She further stated that a picture window is not acceptable, nor major additions and attached garages – that these are all “strikes”, as is siding. She further stated that it should feel like you stepped back in time when you look at a site. She explained that the information the team gathers will be the address, the style, and the materials. They will then take a photo and code it to a map.

RESEARCH MODE – Jennifer stated that there will be architectural and historical research performed by the team and that summaries will be written. She went on to say that there will be a chapter on transportation like railroad, depots and street cars and rivers and streets and highways and a chapter on schools, – anything older than 50 years old and has its original integrity. She also stated there will be a chapter on churches, cemeteries, monuments and chapels, as well a chapter on parks and their landscape designs.

RESULTS – Jennifer stated that there will be a listing all properties looked at, locally landmarked and eligible for the Register. She stated that the team will evaluate how significant resources are and that Jim Drager from WHS has to sign off on everything they identify. She further stated that they will identify potential “districts” and eligible “individual properties”. The survey results will be available on line as well as photos. She further stated that maps will be included in the report and that there will be a “CD”, three copies of the report go to the City of Burlington, Library, and the Historical Society and that the report is considered a “living (active)” document.

Commissioner Erickson asked if a property can be “unstriked”? Jennifer stated that yes you can go back to the original and restore it if there is relative assurance that the underneath of the siding is the original building.

Commissioner Erickson mentioned the Woller mansion which was moved.

Jennifer stated that there are certain provisions for the moving of buildings short distances or buildings moved to a similar historically significant setting.

Chairman Stelling stated that narrow stairs and low hand rails could stay as long as other exits were provided in order to qualify some buildings as “contributing structures”.

Chairman Stelling stated that there are grants and credits available to the potential sites.

Commissioner Stone stated the history of the city is important so new structures should also be considered appropriate.

Chairman Stelling stated that a structure may not be historic now but would be later.

Jennifer stated that we hone in on local “nuances” like Lundstrom homes and pre-cast “T’s”.

Don Vande Sande asked if the Historic District is included?

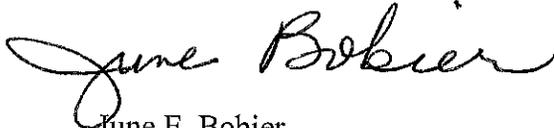
Jenny stated that we won’t get into any great detail on those properties in Historical District.

Chairman Stelling stated that there are contributing and non-contributing properties. Fred’s Parkview, Gabby’s and Zumpano’s are non-contributing (age and modifications are why they are non-contributing.)

Jenny stated the "districts" that would be created are a good thing because they are more forgiving as a group.

Commissioner Erickson moved and Commissioner Weis seconded to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June Bobier". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

June E. Bobier  
Recording Secretary