



JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

TURTLE EFFIGY MOUND, 58'
GENERAL ATKINSON GROUP
JEFFERSON COUNTY MOUNDS & TRAIL PARK



John Molinaro, Chairman
Rebecca Shrum, Vice Chair
Jessie Powers, Secretary
Cindy Arbiture
Robert Birmingham
Kathleen Groskopf
Joan Jones

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 18, 2008
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Meeting Place: UW-Extension Bldg
864 Collins Road
Jefferson, WI 53549

Those Present: John Molinaro
Rebecca Shrum
Robert Birmingham
Cindy Arbiture
Jessie Powers

The following items were discussed:

1. Call to Order. Mr. Molinaro called the meeting to order. Action taken: none.
2. Roll Call at 6:30 pm. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Molinaro, Ms. Shrum, Mr. Birmingham, Ms. Arbiture and Ms. Powers.
3. Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law. Action taken: none.
4. Review of Agenda. Action taken: none.
5. Approval of August, 2008 meeting minutes. Approval motioned by Ms. Shrum, Ms. Powers seconded the motion, Vote: unanimous.
6. Citizens Comments: none present. Action taken: none.
7. Local Government Certification update. Mr. Molinaro spoke with Rick Bernstein and Joe DeRose of the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) to inquire on the status of the Jefferson County Historic Site Preservation Commission's (JCHSPC) certification. Mr. DeRose stated he would make some phone calls to check on the status. This was the week of September 8th.

The letter of intent has been sent. The County staff has been alerted to look for letter from Federal Government.

When the JCHSPC applies for a grant, it will need to be decided how to divide up the county. The WHS suggest that the county be divided into four quadrants as the county is too large to complete in one year. The JCHSPC may consider dividing the county by the areas that are most urgent and need immediate attention.

8. Mr. Molinaro, Ms. Arbiture and Ms. Groskopf are registered for the WHS Preservation Conference on September 26th & 27th in Madison. All who attend will need to submit a receipt for reimbursement.
9. Mr. Molinaro opened the discussion for possible projects for the JCHSPC.

Ms. Shrum would like to involve her students, majoring in Public History, from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. The JCHSPC will look to include students for upcoming projects.

The JCHSPC would like to be kept informed on current and upcoming archaeological digs. Mr. Birmingham suggested contacting the state archaeologist at the WHS and offered to be a liaison for the JCHSPC. Mr. Molinaro will contact Bob Broihahn, the state archaeologist to inform him that Mr. Birmingham is a member of the JCHSPC and will be contacting him.

There was discussions regarding the land across from Aztalan State Park. There is concern that development is moving toward the farm land directly across from the park which could cause potential destruction of the immediate surrounding landscape. The DNR has shown interest in the land and it may be possible to involve Farmland Preservation. Mr. Birmingham will get the landowner's name and Mr. Molinaro will follow up.

Fundraisers and co-sponsoring events is another potential project. The JCHSPC could possible setup a conference for Historical Societies to attend and other key members of Preservation. Mr. Molinaro will contact the Hoard Museum to discuss the museum as a possible location.

The JCHSPC may want to submit informational articles or a series of articles in the newspapers. This may be a project where we could get UW-Whitewater students involved.

A goal of the JCHSPC is to development relationships. It was suggested that we invite individuals to meetings. Mr. Molinaro will contact Bob Broihahn from the WHS and DNR rep (point person for Glacial Heritage Area) John Polhman and invite them to sit in on a JCHSPC meeting.

Speaking to local banks about potential low interest loans for historic properties. The JCHSPC could help the banks develop a criteria for deciding on what is historic and what type of work would be approved.

10. Next meeting date and agenda:
 - Next Meeting Date: October 23rd, 2008.
 - Next Meeting Place: UW-Extension Bldg, 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549
 - Next Meeting Agenda: TBD.

11. Adjourn. Ms. Molinaro motioned to adjourn, Ms. Arbiture seconded the motion, vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.