

GRIGNON MANSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Pennie Thiele at 4:30 PM in the Municipal Services Building, Hydro View Room.

Roll Call

Present - Gavin Schmitt, Pennie Thiele, Brian Buechel, Christina Crook, Lyle Hansen

Absent - Patty Brogan, Bruce Werschem

Others in Attendance -Allison Engels

Review/Approve Minutes from February 17, 2025 Meeting

Motion by Buechel to approve meeting minutes. Seconded by Hansen. Motion unanimously approved.

Report from the City (Engels)

Engels indicated that Grignon Mansion Friend, Carol King, brought calendar regarding events. Car show is up in the air, no one to step up to run car show. Discussion among group about the car show, different possible events, pros and cons, etc.

Regarding the Grignon Park Project in conjunction with KHS and the City. Possible archeological dig sites and impact of digs. Discussion of parking lots, possible building designs and a designated space for Grignon.

Thiele suggested the Board sit down and discuss and narrow what we as the Board wants to see from the park project in place, we should have a set plan with set expectations, i.e. a visitor/gift center, adding some of the Grignon artifacts still with Outagamie County. It was discussed that if the park project involved adding a building to the Grignon Mansion area that is needed, such as a visitor/gift center, the Board and Friends could then possibly use that as a fundraising opportunity to try and build a long house or other building on the grounds.

Engels discussed the new City website which now includes a link to the Grignon Mansion, the Mansion will not have its own website, we are keeping the domain. Tour booking, events, calendar, etc. will be part of the Grignon link on the City website.

Engels indicated she toured the Maison with Don Hoke who in the 1990s raised approximately \$500,000 om funds for renovations to the Mansion. Living in Texas now, upon his tour he had good feedback to say about the current state of the Mansion.

Report from Friends

No Grignon Friends were in attendance to provide a report. It was discussed the Friends may use their funds for a video wall/display.

Report from the Chair (Thiele)

Thiele indicated she would be talking with Allison and Terri Vosters with the City regarding what the Board is wanting for the Grignon.

Other Business

Buechel brought up the issue of displaying of artifacts from the archeological dig at some point at the Mansion. Thiele discussed Board members volunteering at the Electric City event due to volunteers earning approximately \$12/hr towards their group. Hanson indicated it was the 140-year centennial of Kaukauna in the month of March.

Additionally, he discussed that the settlement of Kaukauna was 235 years ago and Kaukauna is the 1st recorded settlement in the state of Wisconsin. Hanson also discussed the art and music event located in Wabeno that seems to generate revenue for that city.

Set Next Meeting Date and Location

Monday, April 28, 2025 at 4:30 PM in the Hydro View Room was set.

Adjournment

Motion by Buechel. Seconded by Crook. Motion unanimously approved, with meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.