

CITY OF STURGEON BAY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Resolution to Save the Historic 1901 Teweles and Brandeis Granary

Resolution No. 1-2017

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgeon Bay is the owner of property at 92 East Maple Street on the West Waterfront of Sturgeon Bay containing the historic 1901 Teweles and Brandeis grain elevator known as the Granary;

AND WHEREAS many citizens consider the Granary a valuable, important and unique asset of the community and have expended time and funds directly and through business or non-profit ventures to incorporate the Granary in future commercial plans and public space plans for the west side waterfront;

AND WHEREAS on August 18, 2017, the Granary was officially listed on the Wisconsin Registry of Historic Places as defined under Wis. Stats. §44.31 and further was recommended to be listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and further according to the Wisconsin Historical Society, "The Teweles and Brandeis grain elevator is an excellent, highly intact example of a grain processing and storage building of a type that was once frequently encountered in communities in Wisconsin and in many other Midwestern states.... It is now the only surviving historic resource in the city that can attest to the city's historically important role in agriculture production in Door County.";

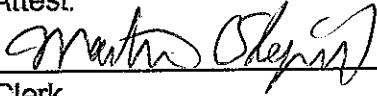
AND WHEREAS the City of Sturgeon Bay's Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2010, states, "Cultural resources encompass historic buildings or structures and archeological sites, as well as institutions and organizations which contribute to the cultural or artistic life of the community. Cultural resources help to provide the City of Sturgeon Bay with a sense of heritage, identity, and civic pride... and can also provide economic development opportunities for the City and its residents. For these reasons, it is important to identify historical and cultural sites in the City of Sturgeon Bay." The Plan lists only five overall goals and one of the five is: "*Seek preservation and maintain the abundant natural and historic resources within and surrounding the City*";

AND WHEREAS the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Sturgeon Bay believes the Granary is of special historical significance and seeks under its authority to safeguard the city's historic and cultural heritage as embodied and reflected in the historic 1901 Teweles and Brandeis Granary on the west side waterfront, and for the Granary to help foster civic pride in the notable accomplishments of Sturgeon Bay's agricultural past, and for the Granary to protect and strengthen the city's attractiveness to residents, tourists and visitors thus serving as a support and stimulus to business and industry;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Historic Preservation Commission that the Commission requests the City of Sturgeon Bay, its Common Council to make every diligent effort to safely stabilize, save and restore the Historic Granary utilizing private funds from the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society and Door County Community Foundation, and further, to support the request of the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society for an 18-month period during which the Grain Elevator would remain protected from demolition, for the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society to solidify and present a community-devised plan.

This resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Sturgeon Bay Historic Preservation Commission this 30 day of October 2017.

Attest:

  
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Clerk

Historic Preservation Commission