

# CITY OF ONALASKA MEETING NOTICE

**COMMITTEE/BOARD:** Historical Preservation Commission  
**DATE OF MEETING:** October 20, 2016 (Thursday)  
**PLACE OF MEETING:** City Hall – 415 Main Street (Room 112)  
**TIME OF MEETING:** 4:00 P.M.

## **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order and roll call.
2. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings
3. Public Input: (limited to 3 minutes/individual)

### **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

4. Discussion and Consideration of contacting properties listed in the Survey of Historic Properties Project to become locally designated historic structures.
5. Adjournment

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that members of the Common Council of the City of Onalaska who do not serve on the Commission may attend this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision making responsibility.

Therefore, further notice is hereby given that the above meeting may constitute a meeting of the Common Council and is hereby noticed as such, even though it is not contemplated that the Common Council will take any formal action at this meeting.

#### **NOTICES MAILED TO:**

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Ald. Jim Bialecki  
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# CITY OF ONALASKA

Agenda Item:

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## STAFF REPORT

Historic Preservation Commission – October 20, 2016

Agenda Item:

Discussion and Consideration of contacting properties listed in the Survey of Historic Properties Project to become locally designated historic structures.

Background:

The City of Onalaska had a “Survey of Historic Properties” completed by Heritage Research, LTD in 2015-2016 which was recently adopted by the Onalaska Common Council.

One of the “next steps” that the Historic Preservation Commission may take is to contact owners of properties listed in the “Survey of Historic Properties” whose properties offer a sufficient degree of historical intrigue and/or architectural integrity, to determine if the property owners would like to see their properties deemed “locally designated historic structures”.

If property owners want the designation, the Historic Preservation Commission would begin the formal process as outlined in the Unified Development Code (Zoning Ordinance).

Attached are two (2) pages from the “Survey of Historic Properties” which include recommendations for designation and a summary of properties currently listed with the National Register of Historic Places, a property official deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and a list of properties locally designated in the City of Onalaska.

Below is a list of five (5) properties to be contacted if directed by the Historic Preservation Commission:

- Fauver Hill School: 3015 South Kinney Coulee Road;
- Irving & Alberta Pertsch House: 229 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North;
- Earl M. Page House & Workshop: 423 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North;
- Frank & Sophia Uehling House & Outbuilding: 512 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North; and
- Thomas and Mary Thompson House: 414 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

## CHAPTER 4: RECOMMENDATIONS

Of the total fifty-six properties inventoried and photographed for this survey, seven individual properties were thought to offer a sufficient degree of historical intrigue and/or architectural integrity to suggest potential for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Those seven resources are listed below. Expanded discussions of those properties follow the list. Please note that no historic districts were identified.

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>NAME/RESOURCE</u>	<u>AHI#</u>
3015 Kinney Coulee Road S	Fauver Hill School (1924; 1957; 1966; 1974)	72365
201 Main Street	Onalaska State Bank (1912)	136205
229 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue N	Irving & Alberta Pertzsch House (1951)	230954
841 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW	Onalaska Brewery/Gedney Pickle Co./Onalaska Pickle and Canning Co. (1884; Ca. 1901; Ca. 1911; Ca. 1920)	72485
423 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue N	Earl M. Page House & Workshop (1916; Ca. 1927)	230965, 231067
512 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue N	Frank & Sophia Uehling House & Outbuilding (Ca. 1929)	230950-51
414 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S	Thomas & Mary Thompson House (Ca. 1885)	72472

**LIST #3: PROPERTIES LISTED<sup>34</sup> IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>NAME/RESOURCE</u>	<u>AHI#</u>
421 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue N	Frank Eugene Nichols House (NR-listed 1993)	27782

**LIST #4: PROPERTIES OFFICIALLY DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>NAME/RESOURCE</u>	<u>AHI#</u>
201 Main Street	Onalaska State Bank Determined Eligible, 14 July 2011	136205

**LIST #5: PROPERTIES LISTED AS CITY OF ONALASKA LANDMARKS<sup>35</sup>**

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>NAME/RESOURCE</u>	<u>AHI#</u>
201 Main Street	Onalaska State Bank	136205
421 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue N	Frank Eugene Nichols House	27782
841 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW	Onalaska Brewery/ J. S. Gedney Pickle Company/ Onalaska Canning & Pickle Company	72485

<sup>34</sup> Although still officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the La Crosse County School of Agriculture and Domestic Economy, formerly located at 700 Wilson Street, was demolished in 1987.

<sup>35</sup> All three properties were designated as local landmarks in 2002, Randy Erickson, "Onalaska Designates Three Historic Sites," *The La Crosse Tribune*, 22 November 2002.