

Village of Oregon
Special Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes
Monday, January 9, 2006
(Village Hall, 137 Spring St, Oregon, WI, Community Room, Lower Level)

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Arlan Kay.

2. **Roll Call:**
 - **Members Present:** Arlan Kay, Al Miller, Hans Noeldner and Beth Sever
 - **Members Absent:** Joan Gefke and Dave Gochberg
 - **Others Present:** Daina Penkiunas, State Historical Society (WHS), Emily Pettis and Timothy Smith, Mead and Hunt, Pat Molzahn, Lisa Hustad and Marv Severson. No residents from the proposed district were present.

3. **Lincoln Street Historic District Presentations**
 - a. **Wisconsin State Historical Society:** Daina Penkiunas explained the eligibility of homes for the state and national registers and their eligibility for state tax credits for rehabilitation. She then elaborated on the process of obtaining state and national registration and what being on the Register did and didn't mean. She emphasized that homeowners were not restricted in repair or modification because of the designation. Only when applying for tax credits were changes reviewed by the WHS.
 - b. **Mead and Hunt:** Timothy Smith presented a description of the proposed Lincoln Street Historic District as would be later presented to the state Historic Registration Board.
 - c. **Questions:** Members of the Commission questioned why the two homes on the corners of Lincoln and North Main were not included in the proposed district. Penkiunas, WHS, stated that there were two reasons for not including the two homes. First, the homes faced Main Street, not Lincoln Street, and it was the practice of WHS to include only homes with a similar orientation. Second, the home at 357 North Main is larger and more up-scale than the other homes included in the proposed district which are of modest construction. She also stated it was too late for any changes and approved districts are seldom, if ever, amended.

4. **Adjourn:** It was moved by Miller and seconded by Sever to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. *Motion carried.*

Next meeting:

- Historic Preservation Commission Meeting: 7:00 pm, January 19, 2006 at the Village Hall, Community Room.