

Group 3 Use and Preservation of Historic Buildings

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Session 1:

Ben Achten

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Marcel Van Camp

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Discussion:

Is downtown an 'Historic District' or can it be?

Should modern additions be removed from old building storefronts?

Danes Home, Danes Home, Danes Home

How did Gerold Opera house get to the stage they are at?

Goals:

Push to get the Brewery open.

Explore ways to fund the purchase and renovation of the Danes Home. Form Exploratory Committee.

Find ways to increase usage of our WHS buildings. More public functions held there.

Session 2:

Mike Boldt

Robert Benada

Francis Rademacher

Bob Telfer

Kay Susner

Leah Griffith Boyce

Bridget Ferkett

Discussion:

Can historic buildings have increased open hours, especially in the summer? Make them more accessible to the public. Increase awareness. Trolley tours

What about Danes Home and St Mary's? How can we move forward on these as potential community centers, artists galleries, maker spaces, shared studios? Danes Home could be a key to revitalizing North Main Street.

Could there be a geneology connection to Danish Heritage of the area, Danish Brotherhood? Make it a destination?

Goals:

Explore ways to fund the purchase of the Danes Home as a Community Center. Form exploratory committee to look for outside funding, grants etc.

Follow up on St Mary's . Why is it just sitting there?

Doran Hardware is an historic time capsule. Document and preserve the store and the lower level.