

Commission Calls for Master Plan Update

By Karen Gould

Planning Commissioners want a progress report from the Master Plan Committee and have asked for an update when they next meet Tuesday, September 11. The Master Plan revision is the responsibility of the commission and Commissioner Mary Dufina would like to see progress made on completing the project. The committee has not met since last summer.

"Every month or year that goes by without an updated plan, which is overdue, the weaker our ordinance becomes," said Tom Evashevski, city attorney, who attended the Tuesday, August 7, meeting of the Planning Commission. He was responding to commission concerns over a lack of progress on the plan and how it impacts the Island.

The current Master Plan is now eight years old and was adopted August 4, 1999. State law requires municipalities to review and revise the plan every five years.

A city's master plan serves

as a basis for its zoning ordinance. The ordinance, is the guide used by the planning commission and it is used to steer development to conform to what the community desires.

The new Historic Preservation Committee would use the Master Plan in its decision making as it seeks to protect the Island's architectural features.

A new committee appointed to study the future of the city's water and sewer service would reference the Master Plan as it

Music Festival To Be Aug. 21-23

The fourth annual Mackinac Island Music Festival this weekend features diverse styles at both free and paid events. From Tuesday, August 21, to Thursday, August 23, locations across the Island will boom with the sound of rock and roll, country, rap, Celtic American, and classical genres.

The schedule of events follows:

Tuesday, August 21 (free events)

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. St. Ignace Steel Drum Band at Windermere Point

3 - 4:30 p.m. "An Island Serenade," featuring Glen Allen, Peggy Bynoe, and Heather May at Iroquois Hotel

7 - 8:30 p.m. "B i j o u Café," a Chamber ensemble presenting "a la Rive Gauche,"

determines the future of the wastewater treatment plant. A 180-day moratorium was set last month by City Council at the request of the Department of Public Works as the treatment facility has reached 85% of its capacity.

The Master Plan Committee, which first met in July 2005, is comprised of three members each from the planning commission, city council,

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featuring music played in Paris after World War One, at the Gate House restaurant.

Wednesday, August 22 (ticketed events)

4 - 5:30 p.m. "An Afternoon of Celtic Music" by Switchback, Celtic American Roots Music at Mission Church. (\$10, under 12 free)

7 - 9:30 p.m. "Music at the Mission," Songwriters in the Round featuring John D. Lamb, Barbara Payton, Jill Jack, and Marty McCormack of the Music Festival Hoedown to discuss songwriting before performing their music from 7 to 8:15. From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., elmoTHUMM, an a cappella quintet, will perform. (\$20, under 12 free)

Thursday, August 23 (free events)

12 - 6:30 p.m. Mackinac Music Festival Hoedown family-style outdoor concert, featuring John D. Lamb, Switchback, Jill Jack, Mary McGuire, J.C. Whitelaw, The Forbes Brothers, Barbara Payton, and Sean Forbes on the Mission Point Resort front lawn.

10 p.m. Pony Jam, where many of the Music Festival musicians jam at the Pink Pony.

Three Injured in Carriage Crash

A horse-drawn carriage traveled east on Huron Street near Mission Hill, and after one of the horses was spooked, the pair began running, crashing through a chain-link fence Friday, August 3, and hitting a tree. The impact sent the female driver for Gough Livery carriages, Linda Price, and two passengers, Julius Krawciw and Anne Norton-Krawciw from Sterling Heights, off the carriage, said officer Andy Dziobak through a public report filed at the Mackinac Island Police Department. All three passengers were injured.

The horses could not make a sharp turn on Mission Hill, sending them down into an embankment approximately six feet after crashing, where they became entangled in the chain-link fence, according to the report.

The runaway began, the report said, on the East Bluff when one of the horses lifted his leg to kick at a fly on his belly and brought the leg down on the wrong side of the tree, which spooked it.

Mr. Krawciw was transported off the Island Friday, August 3, to St. Ignace. Although he suffered no broken bones, he received more than 30 staples to close an injury to his scalp. He blacked out after the incident, and remains bruised and banged up, he said. He is recovering in his Sterling

Heights home, and has not yet been back to work as a pharmacist.

Mrs. Norton-Krawciw stayed on the Island, suffering broken bones in her feet and bruised her kneecap, but entered a hospital near their home Monday, August 13, said Mr. Krawciw.

Ms. Price was also transported off the Island for a broken femur in her leg and now is recovering on the Island.

The two horses involved have also been transported off the Island, said Dr. Alan Sibinic, the Island's veterinarian. One was given stitches, but they are doing fine now, recuperating.

Officers Jim Meyers and Dziobak responded to the accident, and were joined soon after by Dr. Don Weersing.

All three injured victims were transported to the Mackinac Island Medical Center for treatment by Allied EMS. The fire department helped with EMS as well, the report states. The carriage was transported to the top of Mission Hill on Huron Street. The brakes were inspected by the police department as well, and were said to be in good condition.

Mr. Dziobak said that everyone seemed to work together, displaying a lot of teamwork to handle the situation as best as possible.

Hickory Stick Classic Is August 17

Wawashkamo Golf Club will host the sixth annual Hickory Stick Classic starting Friday, August 17, with a traditional shootout and cookout. The tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 18.

Wawashkamo PGA Golf Professional Fred "Fritz" George said 45 golfers will participate in the classic this year. Two-thirds are Wawashkamo members and the rest venture in from elsewhere in Michigan and other states.


The tournament is played using the traditional hickory club shafts similar to how golf was played in the 19th century. Men will also be dressed in the proper neckties and knickers and women period cotton dresses and bonnets.

"I think it's special here

because of the fact that the golf course hasn't been changed since 1912," Mr. George said about the popularity of the tournament, noting that hickory was the only club played in the early 1900s. "That's real appealing to those guys that are real hickory stick players."

Over the years, Wawashkamo members have purchased their own sets. In the tournament's inaugural year, Mr. George said he rented more than 30 sets of hickory clubs. For this year's tournament, he needed to rent only four sets.

Friday's shootout will be followed by a barbecue. The events are scheduled to begin around 4 p.m.

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