

Preservation Alliance NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM PA'S PRESIDENT

Very seldom are we blessed with the opportunity to express ourselves in written form; an opportunity not to be taken lightly and yet an opportunity not to be wasted.

In this brief message I hope to equip you with a few "tools of the trade" that will allow a better understanding of the levels of preservation.

The objective of preservation is to conserve those buildings, facilities and sites which contribute to our environment and culture by their historic or architectural significance. Preservation may involve individual buildings or groups of buildings requiring various architectural approaches. When completed, all should serve a useful, economically feasible purpose since few buildings warrant preservation in order to exist as museums or static exhibits.

Generally, in preservation there are a few terms use which have special meaning to preservationist. They are terms used to describe properly the types of preservation involved. Each reflect the extent of involvement relative to preservation.

Restoration:

Restoration involves returning the building or facility to its condition, and appearance, at a

specific period in time. It is very important to recreate the original conditions meticulously.

Rehabilitation:

Rehabilitation involves equipping the building or facility for an extended useful life with a minimum alteration or original construction. The adherence to strict historical accuracy will depend on each project.

Conservation:

Conservation involves the up-dating of mechanical and structural systems. This includes interior alterations necessary to extend the useful life of the building or facility. The architectural character and integrity of the exterior should be retained. With conservation, there is no requirement to expend much effort to achieve strict historical accuracy or to precisely recreate the original construction.

Reconstruction:

Reconstruction involves utilizing documentary evidence to design and construct a replica of an earlier building which no longer exists.

Hopefully, these terms will equip each of us with a clearer understanding of the scope of preservation.

Terry Blake

UPCOMING MEETING

PLACE: Temple Adath Israel, 429
Daviness St.- Owensboro

DATE: Sunday, February 10, 1985

TIME: 2:00 PM

SPECIAL ACTIVITY: Mr. Paul Bugay, a local attorney and member of the Jewish congregation of Temple Adath Israel, will speak about the history and architecture of the synagogue.

Preservation Alliance dues will now be collected on a calendar year basis. A year membership will run January 1 thru December 31. This will greatly simplify our bookkeeping. At this time all memberships need to be renewed. Please fill out the coupon below to renew your membership--which still cost only \$5 per year.

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