

CITY OF MERRILL
CITY PLAN COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 5:15P.M.
City Hall Basement Conference Room
1004 East First Street

Voting members: Mayor William Bialecki, Chairperson, Alderperson Steve Hass, James Koppelman, Ken Maule, Melissa Schroeder, Dan Novitch, and Peter Lokemoen

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. February 4, 2014 meeting minutes
3. Consider Certified Survey map in the extraterritorial zoning district for Finnegan Construction, Inc., owner of said parcel. Certified Survey map of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map Number 1153 located in part of Government Lot 6, Section 36, Township 32 North, Range 6 East, Town of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
4. Discussion and possible action of proposed mural at Blooming Wishes, 820 E. 1st Street per Merrill Municipal Code Section 113-14 Commercial Design Guideline.
5. Schedule date and time of next meeting
6. Public comment
7. Adjourn

NOTE: It is possible that a quorum of the Common Council will be present at this meeting. However, no Common Council action will be taken.

Agenda prepared by Shari Wicke at the request of Mayor William Bialecki

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**City of Merrill
City Plan Commission
Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 5:45 P.M.
City Hall Common Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street**

Voting members present: Mayor Bill Bialecki (Chairperson), Alderman Steve Hass, Melissa Schroeder, Dan Novitch, Ken Maule, James Koppelman and Pete Lokemoen.

Other attendees: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Alderwoman Kandy Peterson and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

Call to order

Mayor Bialecki called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

Minutes of January 7th, 2014 meeting

The minutes were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Hass/Lokemoen) to approve, as presented, the minutes of the January 7th, 2014 City Plan Commission meeting. Carried.

Petition and resolution: Agra Industries request to vacate portion of Water Street

Agra Industries Inc., 1211 Water Street, has paid the fee and submitted a petition requesting that a portion of Water Street be vacated. Information related to the petition was in the meeting packet, along with a related resolution.

At a meeting on January 22nd, 2014, the Board of Public Works recommended approving the petition and resolution and then forwarded those recommendations to the City Plan Commission.

Motion (Hass/Novitch) to approve, as presented, the petition and resolution related to the request from Agra Industries to vacate a portion of Water Street. Carried.

The resolution will be placed on a future Common Council agenda after all publishing requirements have been met.

Recess

At 5:50 P.M., Mayor Bialecki announced a recess until 6:00 P.M., the time of the scheduled public hearing.

At 6:00 P.M., Mayor Bialecki called the meeting back to order.

Hearing: City of Merrill request to rezone three parcels for trail development

The City of Merrill has submitted an application to rezone three parcels of land (railroad right-of-way) previously owned by Wisconsin Central Limited. The City is requesting that the parcels be rezoned to public, for the purpose of trail development.

City Attorney Hayden read the public hearing notice.

Motion (Hass/Lokemoen) to open the public hearing. Carried.

Nobody spoke for or against the rezoning.

Motion (Hass/Schroeder) to close the public hearing. Carried.

The public hearing was closed at 6:02 P.M.

Motion (Lokemoen/Novitch) to approve the rezoning application. Carried.

An ordinance on the rezoning will be on the February 11th, 2014 Common Council meeting agenda.

Next meeting

Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 at 5:15 P.M.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

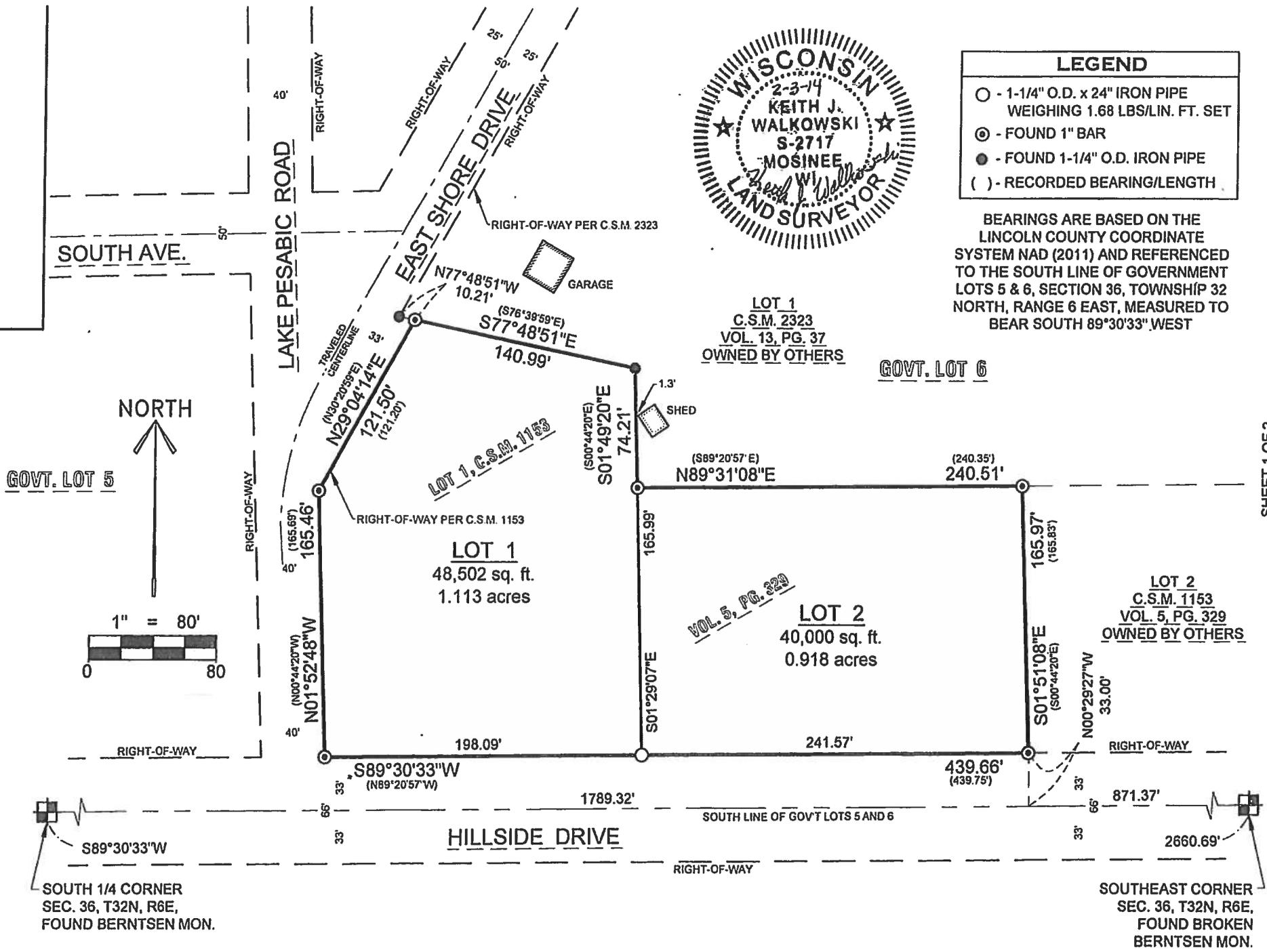
Motion (Hass/Schroeder) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk

LINCOLN COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NO.

Of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map-Number 1153 located in part of Government Lot 6, Section 36, Township 32 North, Range 6 East, Town of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.



LEGEND	
○	- 1-1/4" O.D. x 24" IRON PIPE WEIGHING 1.68 LBS/LIN. FT. SET
⊙	- FOUND 1" BAR
●	- FOUND 1-1/4" O.D. IRON PIPE
()	- RECORDED BEARING/LENGTH

BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE LINCOLN COUNTY COORDINATE SYSTEM NAD (2011) AND REFERENCED TO THE SOUTH LINE OF GOVERNMENT LOTS 5 & 6, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, MEASURED TO BEAR SOUTH 89°30'33".WEST

DRAWN BY M.F.L.	DATE JANUARY 31, 2014
	PROJECT NO. 2116
CHECKED BY K.J.W.	PREPARED FOR: FINNEGAN CONST.

SHEET 1 OF 2

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LINCOLN COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NO. _____

Of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map Number 1153 located in part of Government Lot 6, Section 36, Township 32 North, Range 6 East, Town of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

I, Keith J. Walkowski, Registered Land Surveyor S-2717, hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief: That I have surveyed, mapped and divided Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map Number 1153 as recorded in Volume 5 of Certified Survey Maps on Page 329 in the Office of the Lincoln County Register of Deeds, being located in part of Government Lot 6, Section 36, Township 32 North, Range 6 East, Town of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 36; Thence South 89°30'33" West along the South line of said Government Lots 5 and 6, 871.37 feet; Thence North 00°29'27" West, 33.00 feet to the North right-of-way line of Hillside Drive and the point of beginning; Thence South 89°30'33" West along said North right-of-way line, 439.66 feet to the East right-of-way line of Lake Pesabic Road; Thence North 01°52'48" West along the East right-of-way line, 165.46 feet to the East right-of-way line of East Shore Drive; Thence North 29°04'14" East along said East right-of-way line, 121.50 feet to the North line of said Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map Number 1153; Thence South 77°48'51" East along said North line, 140.99 feet; Thence South 01°49'20" East along said North line, 74.21 feet; Thence North 89°31'08" East along said North line, 240.51 feet to the East line of said Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map Number 1153 ; Thence South 01°51'08" East along said East line, 165.97 feet to the point of beginning.

That the above described parcel of land contains 88,502 square feet, or 2.031 acres more or less;

That said parcel is subject to all easements, restrictions and right-of-ways of record;

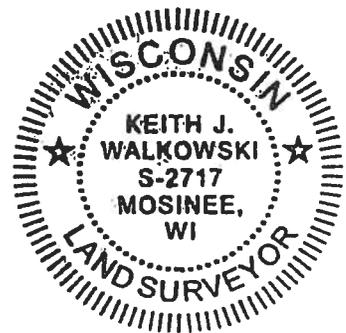
That I have made this survey, division and map thereof at the direction of Finnegan Construction, Inc. Owner of said parcel;

That I have fully complied with the provisions of Section 236.34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter A-E7 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and the subdivision regulations of Lincoln County, City of Merrill and the Town of Merrill in Surveying, Mapping and Dividing the same.

That said map is a correct and accurate representation of the exterior boundaries of said parcel and the division thereof.

Dated this 3RD day of FEBRUARY, 2014

Keith J. Walkowski
 Riverside Land Surveying LLC
 Keith J. Walkowski
 R.L.S. No. 2717



Lincoln County Approval: The Certified Survey Map prepared for Finnegan Construction, Inc., has been reviewed and found to be in compliance with the terms of the Lincoln County Code and is hereby approved by the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Department on this _____ day of _____, 2014 by

 Planning and Zoning Director

I, _____ (City Clerk) being duly appointed by the City of Merrill, hereby certify that the above Certified Survey was approved by the Common council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin at its regular meeting on _____ by Resolution No. _____.

 City Clerk Date

 RIVERSIDE LAND SURVEYING LLC 6304 KELLY PLACE WESTON, WI 54476 PH 715-241-7500 - FAX 715-355-6894 EMAIL - MAIL@RIVERSIDELANDSURVEYING.COM	DRAWN BY M.F.L.	DATE JANUARY 31, 2014
	CHECKED BY K.J.W.	PROJECT NO. 2116
	PREPARED FOR: FINNEGAN CONST.	

Blooming Wishes Vinyl Mural Project

Submitted to the Merrill City Plan Commission (March 4, 2014 meeting)
February 25, 2014

Background

In the spring and summer of 2013, the Merrill Area Community Foundation and Church Mutual, Inc. provided funding and other support for the Merrill Community Forum Series. Organized by UW-Extension, the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce, and Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation, speakers from around the state and nation were brought to Merrill to discuss community, economic, and business development trends. Special emphasis was placed on how these trends are affecting the Merrill area. During the session conducted by For the Love of City author Peter Kageyama, those in attendance were asked to develop community project outlines. The best ideas were determined by a majority vote of the 60 people in attendance. The concept of placing murals on downtown buildings won, and the owners of Blooming Wishes, 820 E. First St. in Merrill, were awarded seed money to place a mural on the west side of their business site, the old Oddfellows Building.

Concept

After obtaining permission from the building owner to install the mural, the Blooming Wishes owners developed a concept calling for three separate mural panels, each one 15 feet X 20 feet (entire mural size will be 15'X60'). Working with the Merrill Historical Society, they have identified photographs (see attachment for copies of the photos) that will be embossed onto vinyl surfaces and hung on the wall approximately 10 feet from the top. The west wall, comprised of red brick, is approximately 90' long and 40' high. Segments of the mural will be hung one at a time, starting from the southern end of the wall and moving northward (right to left as one faces the wall).

Unlike painted murals; vinyl murals require little maintenance. The idea to do vinyl murals was proposed by Chamber Director Debbe Kinsey. She was instrumental in helping the City of Beloit acquire and install vinyl murals on many of its older industrial buildings over a decade ago. Those murals are just as vibrant today as when they were first hung.

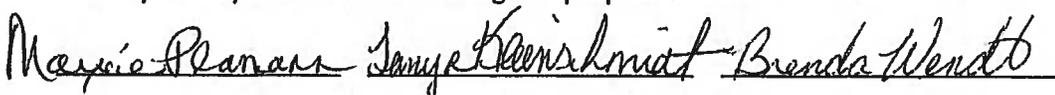
Funding and Cost Estimates

\$1,400 of funding is currently available, with promises to make up the difference from various sources if the first segment exceeds that amount. The additional two segments will be installed when funding becomes available. The first segment alone, however, will greatly enhance the aesthetics of the downtown and remind current Merrill residents of the city's vibrant history. The initial estimate to develop and hang the first 15'X20' panel is between \$3,000 and \$5,000. More specific estimates are currently being obtained. A photo of a vinyl mural done in Janesville is also included for reference.

Request

The owners of Blooming Wishes are requesting that the city Plan Commission give permission to move forward with the project under the Commercial Design Guideline Code Section 113-114. An email sent by Darin Pagel, city Zoning & Building Inspector, to the project advisor (Art Lersch, UW-Extension) stated that the project should be brought to the Plan Commission referencing this guideline code because city sign ordinances do not apply (murals are not considered advertisements).

Thank you very much for considering this proposal.

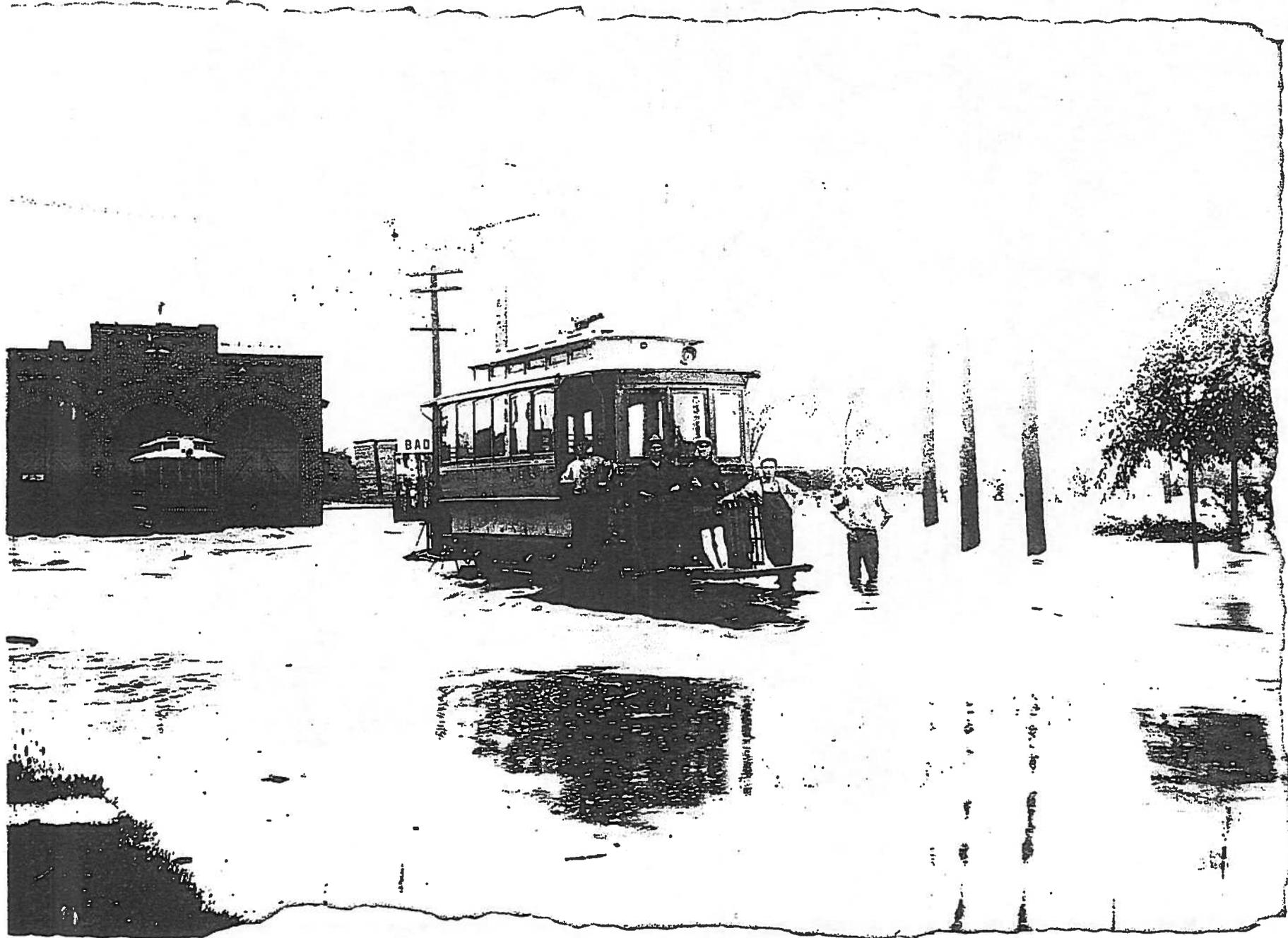


Owners, Blooming Wishes, Inc.

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