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NEW PRESIDENT OF PRESERVATION ACTION

Preservation Action’s executive committee unanimously approved the hiring of Erik Hein as the new president of Preservation Action. For the last six months Erik has been a consultant to the organization, keeping PA members informed of actions on Capitol Hill. Erik has 14 years of experience in historic preservation, non-profit management, marketing and communications.

According to PA Board Chair, Will Tippens, “Erik has not only done an excellent job with the organization over the past six months, but as we learned during the selection process, he brings to the organization a solid understanding of many of the multiple aspects of how a small not-for-profit must be managed, operated and grown. He has a strong background and many ideas for communication, board and membership engagement, development and financial management. He also has many years of experience in Washington DC and has taken to the work on the Hill admirably.”

Erik holds a Bachelors of Humanities from Penn State University and a Masters in American Studies/Historic Preservation from the George Washington University. Born in Pennsylvania, Erik credits his life-long interest in preservation to his witnessing both the restoration of countless historic Bucks County landmarks and the loss of thousands of acres of open space to unplanned residential development. Over the years he has worked and volunteered for many historic preservation related organizations and institutions including Historic Harrisburg Association, the City of Harrisburg, the Friends of the Star Barn, the People’s Bridge Coalition, the historic Broad Street Market Corporation, the DC Preservation League, Historic Takoma and the Committee of 100 on the Federal City.



NEW ADMINISTRATION JOBS INIATIVE

On Tuesday, President Obama outlined a new multibillion-dollar stimulus and jobs proposal. The proposed package included highway, bridge and other infrastructure projects, deeper tax breaks for small business and tax incentives to encourage people to make their homes more energy efficient. (see below for greater detail)

Obama did not say how much his proposals would cost, although congressional Democrats are eyeing a \$70 billion package to help create jobs and to provide aid to hard-pressed state and local governments. Administration aides suggested that the part of the package dealing with roads, bridges and other infrastructure could total about \$50 billion.

The incentives to make homes more energy efficient is rumored to be what some administration officials have called a “Cash for Caulkers” program, modeled on the newly expired Cash for Clunkers program of tax rebates for people who turned in old cars for more fuel-efficient models. There is concern in the preservation world over how this program could impact historic preservation efforts and advocates are reaching out to the White House and Congress with their concerns. Preservationists are also advocating for the inclu-

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sion of the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance Program which would provide a tax incentive boost for owners of historic homes and buildings to make energy efficiency improvements.

Three Key Job Growth Areas Summary

1. Helping Small Businesses Expand Investment, Hire Workers and Access Credit

- Tax cuts to support additional business investment next year – with a particular focus on struggling small businesses-with much of the cost recouped over time
- Zero capital gains for small businesses.
- Extension of enhanced expensing provisions for small businesses.
- Extension of Recovery Act bonus depreciation tax incentive
- A new tax cut for small businesses to encourage hiring in 2010.

Eliminating fees and increasing guarantees for small businesses that borrow through major Small Businesses Administration Programs in 2010.

2. Investing in America's Roads, Bridges and Infrastructure

- Additional investment in highways, transit, rail, aviation and water designed to get projects out the door as quickly as possible.

Support for merit-based infrastructure investment that leverages federal dollars.

3. Creating Jobs Through Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy Investments

- New incentives for consumers who invest in energy efficient retrofits in their homes.

Expansion of successful oversubscribed Recovery Act programs to leverage private investment in energy efficiency and create clean energy manufacturing jobs.



CONTINUING SAGA OF REMAINING FY10 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

On Thursday the Senate began considering a nearly \$450 billion, six bill FY10 spending omnibus package in an effort to complete most of the fiscal year's appropriations business in the next few days. The Senate action comes after the House passed the package 221-202 earlier Thursday.

The Senate will consider the legislation this weekend because Republicans are blocking a consent agreement to complete the measure early next week. Senate Majority Leader Reid Thursday evening filed a cloture motion, setting a vote Saturday to limit debate, with final passage likely Sunday.

The package includes the \$67.9 billion Transportation-HUD bill, which is the underlying legislative vehicle, the \$64.4 Commerce-Justice-Science bill, the \$24.2 billion Financial Services bill, the \$163.6 billion Labor-HHS bill, the \$78 billion Military Construction-VA bill, and the \$48.7 billion State-Foreign Operations bill.

With five of the 12 annual spending bills, including the Interior Bill already signed by President Obama, action on this package would leave only the Defense Appropriations bill unfinished. The House and Senate Democrats are pushing to pass a second spending package, which will include the FY10 Defense bill, before the end of next week, when the current funding extension expires. Failure to clear the package by Dec. 18 would require another continuing resolution to keep the Defense Department and remaining government programs operating until Congress can act.

House Democratic leaders Thursday said the House will act early next week on the measure, which will also include an increase in the debt ceiling. The Defense package will also likely be the vehicle to extend unemployment insurance, COBRA health and food stamp benefits and tax breaks for small businesses -- as well as more federal money to states and localities to try to avoid public employee layoffs.



REMEMBER TO VOTE IN PRESERVATION ACTION'S 2010 GRASSROOTS SURVEY

Every year Preservation Action uses the results of their grassroots survey to shape their legislative agenda and learn about their members' priorities. Increased funding for SHPOs and fully funding the HPF have consistently ranked at the top of Preservation Action's agenda and we hope that will be the case again!

If you or your SHPOffice are a member of Preservation Action (36 SHPO offices are members so ask us if you are unsure) please take the survey which can be accessed at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z6NT6P6>

The survey will be open until **December 31, 2009**.

COMMENT ON THE NASHVILLE CHALLENGE SUMMARY

(From the NTHP)

As a follow up to the Pocantico Convening, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Friends of the National Center for Preservation Training and Technology hosted a gathering of preservationists in Nashville during the 2009 National Preservation Conference. The purpose of this convening was to discuss policy challenges related to historic preservation and environmental sustainability. Nearly 300 people participated in the Nashville Challenge, and the summary of the convening is now [available online](#). As the Trust considers their next steps to follow up to the Nashville Challenge, they are eager to get your response to the issues and proposed actions outlined in this document.

Read and Comment about it on the [PreservationNation.org Blog](#).




NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010 LIST OF AMERICA'S 11 MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PLACES DUE JANUARY 8th (From the NTHP)

Submit your nominations for the 2010 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places by January 8, 2010. Nominations are accepted from any source; however, it is strongly recommended that a preservation professional or community advocate participate in preparing the nomination. Contact a National Trust regional office representative for advice. For a nomination form, more information about the program, and lists of past sites, visit www.PreservationNation.org/11most, e-mail 11most@nthp.org or call 202-588-6141.

Since 1988, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has used this list as a powerful alarm to raise awareness of the serious threats facing the nation's greatest treasures. It has become one of the most effective tools in the fight to save the country's irreplaceable architectural, cultural and natural heritage.



	<p style="text-align: center;">MARK YOUR CALENDARS</p> <p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>January 13-14, 2010 – NCSHPO Executive Committee Meeting, Washington D.C.</p> <p>March 2-4, 2010 – NCSHPO annual meeting and Advocacy Day, Washington D.C.</p> <p>March 3-5, 2010 – National Historic Tax Credit Conference, Washington D.C.</p>
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