



Whitewater Landmarks Commission

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – 6:00 PM

Municipal Building, City Manager's Conference Room, 2nd Floor

312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

Minutes

Call to Order

Call to Order and roll call

Chairperson Blackmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Richard Helmick was appointed secretary pro-tem. Chris Munz-Prichard was welcomed as the new staff person.

Present: Patricia Blackmer, **Kathy** Brady, Ken Kienbaum, Dan Richardson, Richard Helmick

Staff Present: Chris Munz-Pritchard_

Others present: Kori Oberle

Approval of Agenda

MSC Brady/Richardson to approve agenda as amended to hold Approval of the Minutes of March 1, 2018, at the end of the agenda in order to have Mr. Grady present for discussion.

Ayes: Blackmer, Brady, Kienbaum, Richardson, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Approval of the Minutes of March 1, 2018

See below

Set date of next meeting – May 3, 2018

The next meeting of the Landmarks Commission will be held on May 3 at 6:00 PM, in the city manager's conference room, 2nd floor, city hall.

(Grady arrived at 6:06 PM)

Hear Citizen Comments: No formal Landmarks Commission Action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Commission discusses that particular item.

There were no citizen comments.

Reports

Status of the Burial Preservation Act (Helmick)

On April 4, AB118 was signed into Law by Governor Walker without any last minute changes. The WI Supreme Court will hear a case on April 17th put forth by a private party to destroy a burial mound on private property. This case was the impetus for the legislative review of the burial sites law which culminated in AB118.

Effigy Mounds Preserve (Helmick)

The Friends of the Effigy Mounds met on April 4 at the Starin Park Senior Center. Approximately a dozen members attended to hear about this summer's plans for the preserve. Officer elections will be held at their next meeting. Membership is open to all.

Birge Fountain Committee (Kienbaum)

The Committee is working on new lighting. A meeting will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 at city hall to discuss lighting and pump concerns.

Progress on Reprint of Brochure (Brady)

A quote was received from Kris Krannenberg for the amount of \$500 for the editing and preparation of the document. The next step will be to secure funding for the editing and printing. The Neighborhoods Services Director, Chris Munz-Pritchard, will see if the Greater Whitewater Committee will help sponsor this project.

Historic City Owned Property Inventory Tags (Blackmer)

Everything has been completed. Blackmer recognized Dan Buckingham for his valuable assistance.

Unfinished Business

Effigy Mounds Walk

At this time, the walk is planned for May 19, the 20th will be a rain date. The time will be from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Park and Recreation has been notified of the project. The walk will take place during the day. Volunteers from the Friends group will be available to help conduct the tours.

Display at Irwin L. Young Library for May Archeological Month/Historic Preservation

The display will focus on the EMP and the recent burns conducted by the city. Other information will be presented to detail where the WEMP is located and why it is an important, city landmark.

McKay Laboratory report on Birge Fountain and possible meeting (Grady)

Grady requested that it be brought to the next meeting of the BFC. It was noted that the report cost the city 10,000 and is important.

Good Governance

Cameron Clapper will place this matter on the April 17 city council agenda for discussion.

Recommendations for Local Landmarks discussion and possible direction

Masonic Lodge has declined to be nominated for landmark status. Oak Grove Cemetery is in the process of being researched. The sexton for the cemetery thinks it would be a good idea. Blackmer will be contacting the cemetery board. Many cemeteries across the country have given landmark status.

Landmarks Commission and Whitewater Federation of Women's Clubs Historic Tour

The tour is still being planned for June, 2019.

StriveOn App update

Kathy Fleming, Tourism Committee, has contacted Blackmer to offer her support in writing material for the downtown area. Helmick will try and get a copy of an old brochure to Blackmer.

New Business

Individual Commission members projects for May

Brady will get a formal estimate for reprinting the brochure.

Kienbaum will report on the Birge Fountain Committee meeting.

Helmick will complete the minutes, get the brochure, assist with the display window.

Richardson continue the photo project

Blackmer will continue research on the Oak Grove Cemetery as a possible Local Landmark, assist with the display window, work with Tourism on written information to be used on the StriveOn app.

Wisconsin Archeological Society (Archeological Month/May) submission of events

The State of WI historical Society has requested notification of activities that will occur locally to celebrate Archeology Month: the talk and tour on May 9 by Oberle and the library display window will be highlighted.

Proclamations for Wisconsin Historic Preservation Month and Wisconsin Archeological Month

Munz-Prichard will contact Clapper/Smith to see what steps need to be done to secure a city proclamation.

Wisconsin Historic Preservation Conferences for 2018

April 27 in Platteville annual meeting of the WI Historical Preservation Commission

Oct 26-27 Haushoff Resort in Elk Hart Lake conference

Approval of the minutes

Blackmer requested that two items be approved before discussion. These were: In Mr. Aschbrenner's presentation, the new windows need to be identified as being vinyl and that Grady moved the meeting to be held at 6:30 not 6:00 PM.

Commission members gave verbal permission for these changes. Blackmer requested if there was further discussion.

Grady stated that the description of the Royal Purple interview was not complete.

Richardson raised a point of order that no motion has been made so no discussion can be allowed. Blackmer asked that Grady continue so that members would know what Grady wanted written. Discussion followed. Grady moved that his corrections be placed in the minutes. There was no second. The motion died.

Future Agenda Items

UWW will be doing an archeological dig in conjunction with the new dorm being built on campus. The dig will be conducted to determine that there are no burial materials on site.

Oberle reported that the Whitewater Plan Committee, at last night's meeting, discussed amending ordinances to protect neighborhoods. This action is important to the Commission due to historical nature of some of

the buildings in the central area of the city. She suggested that Landmarks stay in contact with Plan Commission to provide informational assistance.

Adjournment

Blackmer adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted

R. Helmick, secretary, pro-tem