

AGENDA

Whitewater Landmarks Commission

Thursday, April 3, 2014 – 6 PM

City Manager's Conference Room

312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order

- Call to Order and roll call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2014
- Set date and time of next meeting – Thursday, May 1, 2014 - 6:00 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.

Reports

- Friends of the Mounds (Helmick)
Mound Sites Preservation and Maintenance Conference in Muscoda, WI on April 12, 2014
- Historical Society (Marshall)
- Birge Fountain (Kienbaum and Christ)
- Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve and Maintenance (Helmick)
- Historically Significant Personal Property criteria (Christ and Birkeland)

Unfinished Business

- Consideration of FOTEM brochure (Helmick)
- Display at Library for Historical/Archeological month (Helmick)
- National Park Service Annual Products Report (Christ)

New Business

- Consideration of Armory for Landmark status
- Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions Spring Conf. – April 26, Waupaca
- Plaques for local landmarks
- Proclamations for Wisconsin Historical and Archeological Months at city council meeting – May 6

Future Agenda Items

Good of the Order

Adjournment

Minutes

Whitewater Landmarks Commission

Thursday, March 6, 2013 – 6 PM

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Call to Order

- Call to Order and roll call:
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kienbaum at 6:03 PM.
Present: Ken Kienbaum, Carol Christ, Suzanne Haselow, Alan Marshall, Richard Helmick
Absent: Sarah Bergants, Suzanne Popke
Staff present: Latisha Birkeland
Others present: Mariann Scott
- Approval of Agenda:
MSC (Haselow/Marshall) to approve the agenda with discussion of criteria to be moved to first under reports; under New Business, Lutheran Church, change Popke to Marshall.
MSC (Marshall/Haselow) to approve as amended.
Ayes: Kienbaum, Christ, Haselow, Popke, Marshall, Helmick
Nays: None
Abstain: None
- Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2014:
MSC (Marshall/Haselow) to approve the minutes as presented with minor spelling corrections.
Ayes: Kienbaum, Christ, Haselow, Popke, Marshall, Helmick
Nays: None
Abstain: None
- Set date and time of next meeting – Thursday, April 3, 2014 - 6:00 PM:
The next meeting will be Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the city manager's conference room.
- 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

- Friends of the Mounds (Helmick):
 - FOTEM has drafted a revised brochure describing the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve (see below).
 - Local archeologist Kurt Sampson will be giving a lecture on the recent diggings that have been done at Aztalan this past summer. The lecture will be given on Saturday, March 22 in the Fargo Library in Lake Mills.
- Whitewater Passenger Depot (Marshall):
 - The Historical Society is still working on the new exhibits.
 - On March 15 in the Cravath Lake Pavilion, there will be a program, Whitewater Collects, to give free appraisals of citizens' collections.
 - The open hours for the public will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.
- Birge Fountain (Kienbaum):

There will be a meeting on March 19 at 3:00 PM at Hearthstone in the Fairhaven facility.
- Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve (Helmick):
 - At the last Park & Rec Board meeting, Matt Amundson indicated several projects to be considered at the WEMP. Among these were improved trail signage, an informational kiosk, an instructional gathering place, and visible markers to indicate the boundary between the preserve and private properties, and signage at each mound.
 - The newly edited brochure describing the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve was disseminated and discussed.
- Plan and Architectural Review Commission Meeting – March 10 – 7:00 PM (Kienbaum):

Commissioners should be aware of overlays that may affect the historic district.

Unfinished Business

- Discussion of criteria for historically significant property (Birkeland):
 - Latisha has emailed the city attorney for further information. He has not responded as yet.
 - Mariann Scott presented the original intentions for this matter when it was first brought to the commission while she was a member. Of particular concern was a method to track the placement of significant, historical property owned by the city and their proper storage. Birkeland reminded the commission that a procedure to identify and track items has recently been developed and initiated. The Landmarks Commission should work with the Historical Society to determine the best places to store these items. The criteria that govern landmark status can be used to determine the significance of significant property. Discussion ensued. Christ and Scott will meet with Birkeland to apply criteria to the list and bring back to the Landmarks Commission at its next meeting.
- Consideration of FOTEM brochure (Helmick):

Helmick contacted the state archeologist, John Broihann, to further edit the language in the brochure. Broihann's recommendations will be added to the brochure. Additionally, some refinements will be made to the trail map.

New Business

- Annual Preservation and Activities Report for the state of Wisconsin (Christ):
This report must be done each year and sent to Joe DeRose at the State Historical Society. This report is necessary for the city to maintain its Certified Local Government status. Copies of the report were disseminated.
- Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions Spring Conference:
It has not been listed yet on their web site. More information is needed. The city will pay for one person to attend.
- Armory:
Helmick has collected some past history on the armory and is trying to put it into useable form for a future presentation to the commission.
- Shed by the Lutheran Church (Marshall):
Commissioners have streamlined the process so that Neighborhood Services can address matters such as this and decide if it is significant enough to involve a formal hearing by the Landmarks Commission. Commissioners agreed that both sheds may be removed.
- Wisconsin Historical and Archeological Month Activities – May:
 - The commission has already reserved one of the display cases in the entrance at the city library. Helmick will research area mound sites to develop a photo and map display.
 - Birkeland will make sure that the proclamation from the city is placed on the council's agenda.
 - Haselow has volunteered to hand out materials to the council on that night.
- Plaques for local landmarks
 - Birkeland recommended that the city be updated on the costs of the plaques and other items before July so that the city can include a budget item for the Landmarks Commission.
 - Popke will be researching different types of plaques that may be used. She has planned to bring information to the commission.

Future Agenda Items

- National Park Service Annual Products Report for Certified Local Governments
Christ has the one from last year that can be used as a baseline. She has contacted the NPS to ask for a new report and deadline. The city should be getting a response this month. Birkeland will watch for it.

- Landmarks Commission Board Opening – 04/30/2014
Some recommendations were discussed.

Good of the Order

- Christ thanked Helmick for his work on the brochure for the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve.

Adjournment

MSC (Marshall/Haselow) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Christ, Haselow, Popke, Marshall, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Helmick
Secretary, Whitewater Landmarks Commission

The Mound Site Preservation, Protection, and Maintenance Conference for Land Managers

When: Saturday, April 12th 2014

Where: Muscoda City Hall

206 N. Wisconsin Dr. Muscoda, WI 53573

Conference Presentation and Poster Session Times: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Pm

Lunch Break: 12:00 Pm – 1:00 Pm – Mound Site Car Pool Organization: 1:00-1:30 Pm

Mound Site Visitation and Tours: 1:30 – 4:00 Pm

Effigy Mound Sites to Tour as part of Conference:

- 1. Boyler/Twin Lizard Effigy Mounds Site**
- 2. Dingman Effigy Mounds Site**
- 3. Franks Hill Effigy Mounds Sites**

Cost: The Conference is Free

Organizing Hosts:

Kurt A. Sampson (President) Wisconsin Archeological Society - Preservation of Sites Committee

Mark Cupp (Executive Director) The Lower Wisconsin State River way Board

Ancient Earthworks Society

Conference Mission Statement:

The goal of this conference to provide an opportunity for land managers and interested organizations to share information that pertain specifically to various ongoing efforts to manage mound sites from a preservation, protection, and maintenance standpoint. This conference seeks to highlight what various organizations have done in the past and present to lead such efforts; and to brain storm the alternative methods with examples. The goal is not to come to an overall consensus about the various issues related to preservation, protection, and maintenance; but to explore, learn from, and enhance each other's understanding of the successes and trials of preservation. It is recognized that each mound site presents different management issues and concerns that must be addressed on a site by site bases; and it is not our intent to rewrite existing management protocols; but to highlight aspects of such protocols to gain better understanding of various administered techniques as various mound sites in this region. This conference does not seek to explore various issues and beliefs related to mound site ideology; and this will not be addressed at this conference.

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Conference Symposia Format:

Invited participants are welcome to choose one of two conference style presentations on a topic related to mound site preservation, protection, and maintenance. Examples:

1. A 15 minute power point style presentation.
2. A Poster presentation for a poster session. Or
3. Just attend and share and learn in round table discussions.

We have time permitting for (12) 15 Minute power point presentation; but every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate each participant group.



The conference times are not set in stone and are flexible based on the needs of the conference group.

Specific Conference Topics of Presentation and Discussion:

Participants are encouraged to choose one of the following topics for presentation or discussion of which they have direct experience:

- Mound Site Preservation Efforts by Local, State, and Federal Government Agencies.
- Bioturbation concerns for mound site preservation.
- Li Dar Technologies in mound site preservation and protection in the region.
- The use of Chemical Pesticides and Herbicides on mound sites.
- Working with various Native American Tribal Preservation Offices in relation to mound site preservation and Protection.
- Working with friends groups and volunteers.
- The success and trials of mound site clear cutting.
- Invasive Species issues
- Overall mound site habitation management issues.
- Genesis of mound site protocols. The exploration of different protocols in the region.
- Working with Contractors in mound site preservation and maintenance.
- Any other Topics Related to Preservation, Protection, and Maintenance?

Area Accommodations for those wishing to stay over:

Victorian Rose B&B 323 South Wisconsin Ave Muscoda, WI (608) 739-4319

Honkers Motel (Corner of Hwy's 60 & 80) 34055 State Hwy 80 (608) 739-9009

Center Lodge at 100 Foundry Road Richland Center (608) 647-8988

Ramada at 1450 Veterans Drive Richland Center WI (608) 647-8869

Lunch Break Suggestion: Lunch Break will be on your own.

Recommendation: Sportsmen's lounge and Supper Club. 111 North Wisconsin Ave – Muscoda

Historically Significant Person Property as of 12/6/2013

- *Maid of the Mist – one in the White Building (original).
- *Bricks from WW Street – At garage – about 6-12 pallets
- *Starin Park pillars (located on Starin, at former main entrance)
- *Horse Fountain in front of depot –located there.
- *Old watertower – Starin Park – Make this a landmark?
- *Veterans Memorial (Flat Iron Park)
- *Viet Nam Vet Memorial – Starin Park
- *All Worlds War Memorial – Corner of W. Main and North Street.
- *Pescheret drawings – some are at the library.
- *Free Library Letters - have been re-installed on White Memorial Building.
- *Frieze - inside White Building (architectural)
- *Bookcase from Latisha's office – Armory. Bookcase still in Doug's office.
- *Hitching post- in front of Smith Allen House on Center Street
- *Rooster Crossing sign (picture of it published in Life Magazine 1965)- Chuck's office.
- *Lithograph (in possession of City Administration office)

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL PROPERTY

Using 17.12.010 from the city municipal code entitled Criteria for designation.

These items fell under # (1) Exemplifies or reflects the broad cultural, political, economic or social history of the nation, state or community:

Maid of the Mist

Bricks from Whitewater Street

Frieze inside White Building

Hitching post and carriage step in front of Smith-Allen House on Center St

Rooster crossing sign and possibly duck crossing sign on North St - Chuck's office

Carriage step on Walworth Ave

Horse fountain in front of the depot (could this be designated as a landmark just like the Maid of the Mist?)

The following items need further research to see if they are historically significant:

Starin Park Pillars (pillars in front of university on Main St. were built by CCC in the 1930's and are historically significant and it has been noted that these Starin Park Pillars appear to be of the same style and era).

Bookcases (does anyone know their age and significance?)

Lithograph in city administrator's office

The 3 war memorials do not need further protection as they appear to have permanent locations.

The FREE LIBRARY letters are also permanently installed on the White Building

The PESCHERET drawings need a permanent home - library or possibly historical society.