

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION

January 7th, 2009

Chair, Mariann Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:12 P.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Whitewater Municipal Building. Members present were Roy Nosek, Linda Loomer, Kathleen Haas Lashley, Mariann Scott, Kimberly Krebs and Carol Christ. Guest was city clerk, Michelle Smith.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Roy Nosek moved to approve the agenda with Item # 6 - "Discussion of implementing Whitewater Historical Survey Suggestions" being moved to the top of the agenda. Linda Loomer seconded the motion. Agenda was approved. Linda Loomer moved to approve and Roy Nosek seconded the November 5 minutes with the following corrections: There were spelling corrections on Rick Bernstein's and Wallace McDonell's names; Kathleen Lashley's name was corrected to read Kathleen Haas Lashley.

Discussion of implementing Whitewater Historical Survey suggestions

Mariann Scott received the final draft of the historical survey (with contracted photos) from Carol Cartwright and handed it to guest, Michelle Smith. Michelle will have copies available tomorrow, January 8th at city hall. Members are to pick up a copy and read before the February 4th meeting at which time everyone should be prepared to discuss suggestions contained in the survey. The only thing left to complete on the survey are the building inventory cards which will be produced for each property and made available on the Wisconsin Historical Society website. Roy Nosek reminded everyone of the East Campus Neighborhood Meeting at Starin Park on January 29th at 7:00 PM. He intends to mention the possible formation of a historic district for this area to be discussed at a future East Campus Neighborhood Meeting. Landmarks Commission members are urged to attend the January 29th meeting.

Authority of Landmarks Commission

Rick Bernstein at the Wisconsin Preservation Office in Madison does not advise municipalities regarding landmarks commission's authority over municipal historic objects. Roy Nosek emailed city attorney, Wallace McDonell, regarding rewording of the city ordinance governing commission authority to identify and secure historical objects. He has not replied and Roy will follow up for the February 4th meeting.

Landmarks Commission Records

Mariann Scott and Kathleen Haas Lashley continue to review the records.

Wisconsin Historical Society Local History and Historical Preservation Conference

Mariann Scott continued her report on the Wisconsin Historical Society conference she attended on September 26, 2008. She presented suggestions from a report entitled "Building a Preservation Community" focusing on cities with populations under 10,000. She talked about how to build a consensus using experts as resources but making sure that local people are the "faces". Some suggestions were to start with a plan, use media to present it, and survey the neighborhoods to see how they felt. Including groups such as the Whitewater Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Whitewater, Inc. would be essential. Some outcomes could be a historic walk or videos of historic buildings/districts in Whitewater. This helps the community to bond together. It was suggested that a start would be to offer the open seat on the Landmarks Commission to a representative from Downtown Whitewater, Inc. Mariann volunteered to contact members to see if there is interest.

Adjournment

Roy Nosek moved for adjournment with a second by Linda Loomer. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ
Secretary