

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION
February 4th, 2009

Chair, Mariann Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:05 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. Rick Daniels, recently approved by the city council as a board member, was introduced and welcomed to the board. Guest – Carol Cartwright.

Approval of Agenda

Kathleen Haas Lashley moved to approve the agenda with Item # XI -New Business – “Next Meeting, Wed March 4, 2009 at 5:00 P.M” being moved to become Item #6 on the agenda, and Item # V was corrected to read “Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2009. Carol Christ seconded the motion. Agenda was approved.

Oath of Office

A recent city council motion requires all members of city committees to take an oath of office. Not being sure who administers this oath, the board decided to postpone the oath until the March meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Roy Nosek moved to approve and Linda Loomer seconded the January 7, 2009 minutes with the following correction: Kimberly Krebs was erroneously listed as absent.

Authority of Landmarks Commission

Roy Nosek contacted city attorney, Wallace McDonell, regarding rewording of the city ordinance governing commission authority to identify and secure historical objects. He replied that it was within the authority of the city council to change the ordinance, and that he would be working on an amendment of the ordinance that would give the commission such authority.

Discussion of Accepting the Whitewater Historical Survey

After reading the final draft of the survey, Mariann Scott questioned the use of the words “gave up” when referring to the Indian tribes moving out of the area, on p. 6. After checking some historical references, Carol Cartwright agreed that the words “ceded” would be more appropriate and the change would be made.

Carol Christ had made a list of some of the typographical and grammatical errors. Carol Cartwright had been working on the corrections but felt that many of them were due to the use of a word processor. There was discussion on the best way to edit the document. Rick Daniels volunteered to do the editing as it was in his area of journalism. He had contacts at UW-W that could be of assistance. Kathleen Lashley also agreed to assist in the editing process.

It was noted that the placement of the pictures throughout the report was confusing, and Carol Cartwright suggested they be placed in an appendix at the end. Some of the photos were missing addresses and dates. Carol Cartwright would make sure that the photo pages included similar information. Roy Nosek moved to accept the survey with the agreed upon changes. The motion was approved, with a second by Kathleen Lashley.

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. Original black and white photos from the 1989 survey will be included and updated properties would have new colored photos. Also included will be properties from the three proposed historic districts. The state now accepts scanned and digital color photographs, and when completed there will be over 100,000 photos online from all over the state. In addition Carol will supply the commission with one zeroxed copy of the cards/pictures and a digital copy of the Power Point presentation. Carol was thanked for all of her hard work on the Survey.

Landmarks Commission Records

Kathleen Haas Lashley has been reviewing the records and will report on them at the March 4, meeting.

Discussion of Postponed Items

Until the authority of the Landmarks Commission is expanded, the discussion of the historical objects will remain postponed.

Council Representative, Roy Nosek

Roy Nosek noted that his term as a council representative was coming to an end. He thanked the board for their dedication and expressed that it had been a privilege to serve on the Commission. He was thanked for his contributions.

Future Agenda Items

Discussion of the recommendations of the Whitewater Historical Historical Survey

Adjournment

Roy Nosek moved for adjournment with a second by Kimberly Krebs. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ
Secretary