

**WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION**  
**August 5, 2009**

Chair, Mariann Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:04 P.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Whitewater Municipal Building.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mariann Scott, Kimberly Krebs, Linda Loomer, Kathleen Haas Lashley, Rick Daniels and Carol Christ. Patrick Singer arrived at 5:23 P.M

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mariann Scott to move agenda items X and XI (NEW BUSINESS) up in the agenda to be discussed prior to item IX. Motion was seconded by Kimberly Krebs. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Linda Loomer moved to approve the June 10, 2009 minutes. Kathleen Haas Lashley seconded. Motion carried. Linda Loomer moved to approve the July 1, 2009 minutes. Kathleen Haas Lashley seconded. Motion carried.

Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting date is set for September 2, 2009, at 5 P.M in the City Manager's Conference Room at the Whitewater Municipal Building.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Whitewater Depot Renovation

Kathleen Haas Lashley reported that on Thursday, June 11, there was a fundraising meeting at the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library to kickoff the project. The relocation committee has met and made plans. At this time there is no news on a project start date.

James and Ella Rockefeller House

The James and Ella Rockefeller House at 837 South Janesville Road, owned by Russell Walton, could either be moved or demolished due to a Highway 59 intersection change. Commission members received maps of the proposed rerouting of Highway 59 by the DOT. It appears that the barn and outbuildings have the greatest historical significance and could possibly be saved. Another possibility is to produce a brochure with information concerning these historical buildings. At this time there has been no further information from the DOT regarding this project.

Landmarks Commission Bylaws and Guidelines

A committee was formed to look into developing Bylaws and Guidelines governing the Landmarks Commission. According to Title 17 of the Municipal Code, the Landmarks Commission is "To develop appropriate criteria and standards for identifying and evaluating neighborhoods, places, structures and improvements which might be classified as landmarks, landmark sites, historic districts or specially designated landmarks". At this point, the standards listed in Title 17 use the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects" dated 1980 (rev.) and apply to reconstruction and exterior alterations to existing structures.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Congregational Church Clock Tower

Bob Freiermuth of the Congregational Church has requested landmark status for the 125-year-old church clock tower. He will be given a form to apply for such status.

### Implementation of the new provisions of Title 17

At the May 19<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, the Council adopted the proposed amendment to Title 17 of the Whitewater Municipal Code which revised the Landmarks Commission ordinance by giving the commission the right to designate “city-owned historically significant personal property”. Linda Loomer, Mariann Scott and Kathleen Haas Lashley will meet with city clerk, Michelle Smith to develop a procedure for designating and cataloging such inventory, informing staff and possibly putting a registry of property on the city website.

### **OLD BUSINESS (CONT.)**

#### Whitewater Effigy Mounds

At this time it was felt that the following recommendations by John Broihahn, state archeologist, should be pursued.

- A survey of the boundaries of the park. This will allow an overlay of the mounds map and give us an accurate map of the park and mounds. This will be done this fall by the city in conjunction with another survey that the city is conducting.
- Mariann Scott will contact Samantha Greenbush of the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding its role in the care taking of Indian Mounds in Wisconsin.
- Begin a “Friends of the Mounds” group to help raise funds to preserve and maintain the park. Another source of support could be a Native American group on campus.
- Tour the General Atkinson Group at Indian Mound Park in Jefferson County. This park has been well maintained and has signage donated by the Ho-Chunk Nation. This would be in combination with a visit to the Mounds display at the Hoard Museum. Possible tour dates are Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### Future Agenda Items

- A. “Free Library” sign - White Memorial Building
- B. White Building Lanterns
- C. Stone Pillars in Starin Park
- D. Whitewater Historical Survey Recommendations

#### Adjournment

Kathleen Lashley moved for adjournment. Second Kimberly Krebs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ  
Secretary