

**WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION**  
**September 9, 2009**

Chair, Mariann Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:37 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, and Carol Christ. Patrick Singer and Rick Daniels were absent.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Kimberly Krebs to approve the agenda. Kathleen Haas Lashley seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Linda Loomer moved to approve the August 5, 2009 minutes. Kathleen Haas Lashley seconded. Motion carried.

Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting date is set for October 7, 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 at this time there is no news on a project start date. The project is still waiting for DOT approval. In the meantime, the intern is packing up the depot.

James and Ella Rockefeller House

The James and Ella Rockefeller House at 837 South Janesville Road, owned by Russell Walton, is still in limbo. It could either be moved or demolished due to a Highway 59 intersection change. At this time there has been no further information from the DOT regarding this project.

Landmarks Commission Bylaws and Guidelines

Committee members, Patrick Singer and Rick Daniels were not present, so there was no report from the Bylaws and Guidelines Committee.

Whitewater Effigy Mounds

Mariann Scott sent a note to Kori Oberle, director of the Hoard Museum, thanking her for her presentation on the mounds when the Commission visited the Hoard Museum on Saturday, August 29.

There were a lot of ideas presented by Jay Toth (Ho Chunk Nation) and Kira Kaufmann (UW-Milwaukee Archeologist) at the joint meeting of the Park and Recreation Board – Landmarks Commission, prior to this meeting. . Many of the issues will take time and will be worked on together. It was felt that one of the first areas to be addressed by the Landmarks Commission should be educational usage of the mounds. Carol Christ moved that we sponsor a tour of the mounds focusing on it as an archeological site. Mariann will contact Mark Kuhnke to see if he willing and available to conduct a community tour on either Saturday, October 17 or Saturday, October 24. Kathleen Haas Lashley seconded. Motion carried. Another idea was to develop a pamphlet describing the Whitewater Effigy Mounds. Mariann has been in contact with Nancy Dade who has volunteered to spearhead a Friends of the Mounds Group.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Congregational Church Clock Tower

Mariann contacted Bob Freiermuth of the Congregational Church and gave him an application to request landmark status for the 125-year-old church. The clock tower is not eligible for Landmark status but the whole building is. She suggested that he involve the community in restoration. There are grants available. Any work would have to receive a Certificate of Approval from the Commission.

### 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 plan to meet with city clerk, Michelle Smith, after the election, to develop a procedure for designating and cataloging such inventory, informing staff and possibly putting a registry of property on the city website.

### 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

Kimberly Krebs moved for adjournment. Seconded by Linda Loomer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ  
Secretary