

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION
October 7, 2009

Chair, Mariann Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:28 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, Kathleen Haas Lashley, Patrick Singer and Carol Christ. Kimberly Krebs, Rick Daniels and Linda Loomer were absent.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion was made by Patrick Singer to approve the October 7, 2009 agenda and September 9, 2009 minutes. Kathleen Haas Lashley seconded. Motion carried.

Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting date is set for November 4, 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.

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.

Congregational Church Clock Tower

Mariann has not heard anything since she 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.

Whitewater Effigy Mounds

The video that was taken of the Jefferson County Mounds on Saturday, August 29 was viewed to take note of the Ho-Chunk Signage designating it as a sacred place – burial grounds.

City Manager, Kevin Brunner has indicated that the western border of the Whitewater Effigy Mounds is scheduled to be surveyed. It was felt that the southeast border needs to be surveyed as well.

The Whitewater Kiwanis Club has requested a presentation on the Whitewater Mounds in November. They were formerly involved with the Mounds when they were listed on the National Register.

The public tour of the mounds is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 at 10:30. Mark Kuhnke will conduct the tour.

At 5:55, Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Amundson joined the meeting. He reported that a task force has been formed to work on a restoration plan for the mounds site. The following are proposed members to this task force: [Landmarks Commission Member \(TBD\)](#), Parks & Recreation Board Member (TBD), School District Representative (Shelia Kindwall), Neighborhood Representative (TBD), City Staff (Matt Amundson). Mariann recommended that a Native American as well as a member of the Tree Commission also be part of the task force.

Matt displayed a bronze plaque that designated the Whitewater Mounds as a local landmark. After Matt left, Kathleen Haas Lashley nominated Mariann to be on the committee from the Landmarks Commission. Patrick Singer seconded. Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Board and the Landmarks Commission will be working together for the good of the mounds. Under Title 17 of the Whitewater Municipal Code, the Landmarks Commission is charged with preservation/education of local landmarks including archeological sites. The Park and Recreation Department is in charge of maintenance.

Landmarks Commission Bylaws and Guidelines

Patrick Singer reported that City Attorney Wallace McDonnell is working on the bylaws and guidelines. There should be a draft by the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Gutter Installation at local landmark – Smith-Allen House

Since gutters do not need a building permit, there is no need for this property to get approval from the Commission.

Implementation of the new provisions of Title 17

At the May 19th 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 be meeting 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.

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

Patrick Singer moved for adjournment. Seconded by Kathleen Haas Lashley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ
Secretary