

**WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION**  
**November 4, 2009**

Chair, Mariann Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:10 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, Kimberly Krebs, Linda Loomer, Rick Daniels and Carol Christ. Guests – Ethan, Adam, Naomi, and Felicia from the Native American Cultural Awareness Assn., UW- Whitewater.

The meeting began with the introduction of guests.

Rearrangement of Agenda

Linda Loomer moved that the agenda be approved and rearranged by moving items IX and X dealing with the mounds to the top of the agenda, thereby accommodating our guests. Carol seconded the motion. Motion approved.

View Video of August 29, Mound Site Tour

The video had been loaned to the park commission and was unavailable.

Discussion of Effigy Mound Archeological Park

- a. October 24, Tour. Thirteen people were in attendance – Nancy Dade Stone, Bob Stone, Kevin and Nancy Brunner, Wally and Kim McDonnell, Roberta Taylor, Prudence Negley, Sheila Kindwall, Mark Schuhl, Ruth Mesarosch, and Daniel Einstein. Daniel is a biologist who is a program manager for the Lake Shore Preserve at UW-Madison. He was interested in Whitewater's mounds as there are mounds in the Lake Shore Preserve. Mariann's complete report is attached.
- b. Indian Mounds Task Force. The task force is set to meet at 5 PM on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> in the Cravath Lakefront Room of the Whitewater Municipal Building. So far the task force consists of Park and Rec Board member, Prudence Negley, Whitewater school representative, Shelia Kindwall, Park and Rec Director, Matt Amundson, Landmarks Commission member, Mariann Scott. It was felt that a member of the Tree Commission (now urban forestry task force) should also be on this task force. Mariann offered to fulfill that roll and Carol Christ offered to represent the Landmarks Commission. A Native American member and a person from the neighborhood bordering the mounds were yet to be determined.
- c. Friends of the Mounds Report – Nancy Dade is chairing this group. She is collecting a list of names of those interested.
- d. Mound Park survey – The mounds are set to be surveyed in the coming week. There was some discussion on NAGPRA – The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act that was passed in November 1990 and if it pertained to Indian Mounds. Naomi suggested we contact Pete Killoran, and Jo Ellen Burkholder, in the department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice at UW – Whitewater.
- e. Local Landmark status. The Whitewater Indian Mounds Park was declared a local landmark in 1993. Section 17.12.030 Landmarks Commission reads:  
"Recognition of landmarks, landmark sites and historic districts After a landmark, landmark site or historic district has been so designated in accordance with this title, the commission may with consent of the owner cause to be prepared and erected on such property at city expense suitable plaques or signs recognizing the landmark".  
(Ord. 999 §1(3)(b)(12), 1982).
- f. Future educational programs, activities and leaflets. Fundraising is essential for these to occur.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Patrick Singer to approve the October 7, 2009 minutes. Kim Krebs seconded. Motion carried.

Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting date is set for December 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 the Historical Society is close to having a contract signed with the architects.

### 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.

### 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**

### Stone Pillars in Starin Park

No report

### Historic Preservation Conference – Wausau – October 9, 2009

Report postponed until December meeting.

### Consideration of Implementing the New Provisions of Chapter 17

Committee of Lashley, Loomer and Scott will be meeting to work with city clerk on a plan for implementation.

### Consideration of Remaining Bronze Plaques

Mariann contacted the city clerk, Michelle Smith, who told her that the other plaques were nowhere to be found.

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### Future Agenda Items

- A. “Free Library” sign - White Memorial Building
- B. White Building Lanterns
- C. Whitewater Historical Survey Recommendations

### Adjournment

Kathleen Haas Lashley moved for adjournment. Seconded by Kimberly Krebs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ  
Secretary