

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION
February 3, 2010

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, Linda Loomer, Rick Daniels and Carol Christ. Patrick Singer arrived at 5:30. Kathleen Haas Lashley and Kimberly Krebs were absent. Guests – Richard Helmick and Wallace McDonell, city attorney.

Approval of Agenda

Linda Loomer moved that the agenda be approved. Rick Daniels seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

Linda Loomer moved to approve the January 6, 2010 minutes. Rick Daniels seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting date is set for March 3 at 5 P.M in the City Manager's Conference Room at the Whitewater Municipal Building

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Mounds

The *Friends of the Mounds* had their first meeting on January 20 at 7 PM at the Irving L. Young Memorial Library. Questions and information were exchanged. The group decided that the 3 main focuses would be Preservation, Maintenance and Education. The possibility of a Facebook account was mentioned so that the members could exchange ideas and keep current on what was happening. The video of the tour of the mounds given by Mark Kuhnke last spring is going to be made available to the school district, UW-Whitewater and the Irvin Young Memorial Library, courtesy of our local cable TV station. Rick volunteered to find out who would be interested in a video for the University.

James and Ella Rockefeller House

The status of the James and Ella Rockefeller House at 837 South Janesville Road, owned by Russell Walton is in question due to a Highway 59 intersection change. Mariann will meet with Russ Walton next week. He is interested in finding more about the advantages of getting this property declared a local landmark. We just received notice that the Whitewater Hotel owned by Russ Walton is now on both the national and state register of historic places.

Whitewater Effigy Mounds Task Force

The Indians Mounds Park Task Force (a joint committee of the Park and Recreation Board and the Landmarks Commission) met on Tuesday January 12 at 5 PM. Matt Amundsen sent out a notice about a name change to the Mounds --- from the current name of Indian Mounds Park to Whitewater Archaeological Preserve. He is waiting for feedback from the *Friends of the Mounds*, the Landmarks Commission and the community at large.

Landmarks Commission Bylaws and Guidelines

City Attorney, Wallace McDonnell brought a sample bylaws and procedures document from the city of Milwaukee. He is currently looking for more examples. There was also some discussion on the record keeping for historical city property. The criteria for designation of such property could be done in the by-laws with possibly photographs kept in a book.

Whitewater Depot Renovation

No report.

Certified Local Governments

On April 15, 1987, the city of Whitewater was recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a Certified Local Government for historic preservation purposes. A report was sent to the Department of the Interior.

Historic Preservation Month

May is Historic Preservation Month. Activities include a display case on the mounds at Irvin Young Library. One of the display cases in the library will feature the local landmarks along with photos. On Saturday May 22, there will be a tour of the mounds in the morning and Bob Stone will conduct a pipe ceremony. Nancy Dade and Mark Kunnke will also conduct tours. A walking tour of the historical homes will take place in the afternoon. A letter will be sent to each owner of a historical home inviting them to participate and possibly say a few words about their house as the tour goes by. Dan Sable has volunteered to give a tour of the Starin Mansion. Downtown businesses will be encouraged to place old photos in their windows. Mariann will contact the Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Whitewater. Linda Loomer will contact the Arts Alliance and the Federation of Women's Clubs.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Agenda Items

- A. Congregational Church Clock Tower
- B. Whitewater Historical Survey Recommendations
- C. Leaflets and Educational Materials

Adjournment

Linda Loomer moved for adjournment. Seconded by Patrick Singer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ
Secretary