

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION

March 3, 2010

Chair, Mariann Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:06 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, Kathleen Haas Lashley, Kimberly Krebs and Carol Christ. Rick Daniels and Patrick Singer were absent.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as printed.

Approval of Minutes

Linda Loomer moved to approve the February 3, 2010 minutes. Kathleen Haas Lashley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting date is set for April 7 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* met on February 20 at 9 AM at the Irving L. Young Memorial Library. A "pipe ceremony" is planned for sunrise on the March 20th solstice. On April 23rd, Whitewater in conjunction with UW - Whitewater is holding its annual "Make a Difference" Day, and volunteers will be available to work at the mounds, cleaning up debris and pulling up garlic mustard.

Wisconsin Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month

May 22nd the Landmarks Commission is planning events to celebrate Wisconsin Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month. The morning will begin with an unpublished sunrise ceremony at the mounds followed by tours of the mounds site. Friend's tour guides will be wearing yellow t-shirts with a map of the mounds printed on them. This will also be an opportunity to fund raise with the proceeds going for a survey of the mounds. The event will be advertised on the Wisconsin Historical Society website, in the local newspapers, the Fort Atkinson radio station and whitewaterbanner.com. There will also be a display case on the mounds at Irvin Young Library.

Another of the display cases in the library will feature the local landmarks along with photos for the month of May. On Saturday, May 22, a walking tour of the historical homes will take place from 1 – 4 P.M. 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. Downtown businesses will be encouraged to place old photos in their windows. There will be a presentation and dedication of the Stone Stable's new sign at 1 PM. The Arts Alliance will be open featuring high school student art and there will also be a sculpture tour. Tour maps will be available.

Landmarks Commission Bylaws and Guidelines

Kimberly Krebs moved that we postpone action on the bylaws and guidelines to the April meeting. Linda Loomer seconded. Motion approved.

Whitewater Depot Renovation

The contract has been signed and sent to the WI DOT. Work can start when DOT approval is received. The depot is being cleaned out and things properly stored. The intern has been helpful.

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 met with Russ Walton. He has owned the property for 13 years and has been dealing with the DOT for 8 years.

Whitewater Indian 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 February 9 at 5 PM. The sign was discussed and changes included removing 6AM – 12 PM and replacing it with Sunrise – Sunset. The correct spelling of archeological was discussed and it was decided to not use the “a” in order to be consistent with the Ho-Chunk spelling. It was also decided that the “Maples Mound Group” be added above the historical record. It next goes to the Park and Rec Board for approval and then on to the city council.

The McFarland Indian Mounds Policy was given out as model legislation and the task force will be reviewing it.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Agenda Items

- A. Congregational Church Clock Tower
- B. Whitewater Historical Survey Recommendations
- C. Leaflets and Educational Materials
- D. Certified Local Government Reports

Adjournment

Kimberly Krebs moved for adjournment. Seconded by Kathleen Haas Lashley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ
Secretary