

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION

May 5, 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, Marilyn Kienbaum, and Carol Christ. Kimberly Krebs was absent. Richard Helmick, from Friends of the Mounds was a guest. Marilyn was welcomed as the council representative.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as printed.

Approval of Minutes

Linda Loomer moved to approve the April 7, 2010 minutes with a second by Kathleen Lashley. Motion approved.

Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting is set for June 2 at 5 P.M in the City Manager's Conference Room at the Whitewater Municipal Building.

OLD BUSINESS

Whitewater Depot Renovation

The Depot Restoration Committee met today, May 5 at 11 PM. Ideas for the renovation included the following: Venting for the roof may be needed. The front double doors will become the front entrance. Gutters and downspouts may be needed for a portion of the roof. The original windows will be kept and need some restoration. The environment will be controlled so windows will not be opened; therefore, storm windows may be needed. The staircase to the basement will be moved inside. Steps would be under the bathroom. There is a possibility that both sides of the basement could be used. A new water heater may be needed. ADA standards can be met with existing bathroom. Everything has to go to DOT for approval. Work will begin in Feb 2011 and work will probably take a year. It doesn't appear that anything will need Landmarks approval.

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. We looked at a memorandum of agreement between the Federal Highway Administration and The Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office that was signed by Kevin Brunner in March. It was not clear if this MOA is in effect. Mariann is going to contact Kevin and Russell Walton regarding the status of the paperwork.

Maid of the Mist

There is concern that the Maid is not in a protected spot in the Cultural Arts Center. The Whitewater Arts Alliance feels there is no artistic value as it is a reproduction of the original. The Historical Society is meeting tomorrow and will discuss the Maid, the Dolphins and the Teepees. The Landmarks feels that even if these items do not have an artistic value, they do have historical value.

Indians Mounds Task Force

No report as the task force has not met since April 6.

Whitewater Indian Mounds Park

There is a joint meeting of the Park and Rec Board, Landmarks Commission and Mounds Task Force at 5 PM on Monday, May 10 at city hall. Discussion will focus on the proposed name change. The city council sent the name change back to committee after rejecting Whitewater Mounds Archeological Park. There was concern about leaving the word Indian out of the name. Kathleen Lashley moved to support the name "Effigy Mounds Preserve" Linda Loomer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Friends of the Mounds

On April 23rd, Whitewater in conjunction with UW – Whitewater, held its annual “Make a Difference” Day, and volunteers pulled 32 bags of garlic mustard. Nancy Dade, Mariann Scott and Alan Luckett participated, as well as 17 students. There is concern that the paths are hard to see for the upcoming tour on May 22. Also people need to enter so they are not crossing over the mink mound. Mariann showed a map of the proposed path for May 22nd tour. She will be giving the map to Chuck Nass. who will be mowing. He will provide spray paint so that the Friends can clearly mark the direction the tour will take. The Friends will have tour guides conducting the tours and either Amy Peterson or John Broihahn, state archeologists will be present to answer questions.

Whitewater Historic Preservation Day

Richard Helmick prepared the flip side of the tour map with a listing of the landmarks in the order of the self-guided walk. People who are participating are Dan Sable, who will give tours of the Starin Mansion, Hamilton House will open its parlor and Kathy Flemings’ son is doing a presentation in costume, Bobbi Landsee with Irene Petake (who will be dressed as Florence Bassett) will talk about the Bassett House, Roy Nosek will talk at the Birge Fountain, Carol Christ and Don Werdin will talk at the Smith Allen House, and Fred Kraege and Friends of the Mounds will end the tour at Irvin Young Library. There will also be a costumed presenter at the Stone Stable. Dan Malone is thinking of a cookout at the Meat Market.

Publicity: On Thursday May 13, at 9 AM, Mariann and John Broihahn will be on “Morning Magazine”, station WFAW, Fort Atkinson. There will also be a display of the local landmarks at the Irving Young Library. Michelle Smith took pictures of all of the landmarks and Mariann is getting a display ready. Kathleen Haas Lashley is preparing posters advertising the event.

Certified Local Government Reports

Mariann and Michelle Smith are working on these reports to be submitted to the state.

Designation of future local landmarks

While doing research, Mariann discovered that the Pescheret Building had once been nominated as a local landmark. For some reason it was not approved. It was suggested that the owners be approached to see if they were interested in pursuing local landmark status at this time.

Vivian Henderson, owner of a historic home at the corner of Gault and Harper has contacted the Commission, requesting landmark status for her home.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Agenda Items

- A. Congregational Church Clock Tower
- B. Whitewater Historical Survey Recommendations
- C. Leaflets and Educational Materials
- D. Report on new provisions of Chapter 17
- E. Action on Landmarks Commission By-laws
- F. Walk of Historical Churches for next year’s tour

Adjournment

Kathleen moved for adjournment. Seconded by Linda Loomer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ
Secretary