

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Minutes for October 5, 2011

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
At 5:07 P.M. Chair Christ called the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission to order in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Whitewater Municipal Building. Roll call was taken. Members present: Carol Christ, Richard Helmick, Linda Loomer, Mariann Scott, Nancy Wendt. Members absent: Alan Marshall, Marilyn Kienbaum. Guest present: Andrew Crone. David Stone arrived at 5:35 P.M.
- II Approval of agenda
Helmick moved that agenda item XIII. Fence Encroachments at the Effigy Mounds Preserve be moved to follow Item V. Citizen Comments. Loomer seconded the amendment. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum, Marshall. Amendment passed. Helmick moved to accept the October 5, 2011 agenda as amended. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum, Marshall. Amended agenda passed.
- III. Approval of minutes of September 7, 2011 meeting and September 15, 2011 public meeting.
Secretary reported the minutes for the September 15, 2011 have not been completed. Helmick moved and Loomer seconded to accept the September 7, 2011 minutes as written. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum, Marshall
- IV. Date of next Landmark's Commission Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for Wed., November 2, 2011 at 5:00 P.M in the City Manager's Conference Room in the Whitewater Municipal Building.
- V. Citizen's Comments
Crone interested in agenda item XIII.

REPORTS

- XIII. Report on status of fence encroachments in Effigy Mounds Preserve
Andrew Crone asked questions about the property rights of the homeowners whose share a property line with the Effigy Mound Preserve. Commissioners explained the federal and state laws that protect burial and archaeological sites. Also the duties of the Landmarks Commission were discussed. No action has been reported by the staff on the encroachments in the Effigy Mounds Preserve.
- VI. Report on James and Ella Rockefeller House
Christ reported that Julie Jenks, DOT, said the survey will probably be completed in December. Christ will request that the digital photos take of the house be sent to the city.
- VII. Report on Landmark Designation for Kiernan Yasko House, 136 Whiton Street
Helmick reported that Caryl Yasko is very happy.
- VIII. Report on Hoard Museum Panel and Brochure
Helmick reviewed the text and layout of the Effigy Mounds Preserve panel for the Hoard Museum. Loomer moved to approve the text as submitted by Kori Oberli. Scott seconded the motion. All the commissioners commented favorably on the text and panel. A vote was taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum, Marshall. Motion passed.
- IX. Report on Friends of the Effigy Mounds
Helmick reviewed the "Letter of Agreement" for the new members. No new information has been received from staff about a different agreement. Volunteer work projects are on hold until a mutually acceptable volunteer work agreement is signed. No tours given since last meeting.
- X. Report on "FREE LIBRARY" history panel for White Memorial Building

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No report

- XI. Report on Birge Fountain
Loomer reported the fountain painting is complete except for the cherubs. There is discussion as to whether they should be bronzed.
- XII. Report on Local History & Historic Preservation Conference
Helmick reported the conference very educational and enjoyable.

OLD BUSINESS

- XIV. Common Council Second Reading of Title 17 Amendment – Certificate of Appropriateness
At last night's Common Council meeting Scott asked the council to postponed voting on this amendment. See Council agreed. See explanation below under agenda item XX.
- XV. Final Version of the Effigy Mounds Restoration Plan
Park and Recreation Director reported that he has not yet received a copy of the final version.
- XVI. Whitewater Historical Society Projects
No report.
- XVII. Landmarks Commission office space at City Hall
Scott showed the space that is available. There are no locked areas.

NEW BUSINESS

- XVIII. Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants
Christ reported that the deadline for applying for 2012 CLGs has passed She will keep the information on file for next year.
- XIX. Suggestions for Preservation Month Activities
Suggestions are a display at the Young Memorial Library, Kiernan Yasko house event, event coordinated with Downtown Whitewater, even at the depot coordinated with the Whitewater Historical Society, thank you reception for local historical preservation supporters and event(s) at the Effigy Mounds Preserve.
- XX. Open Records Request
- A. Scott reported that a copy of a draft of a 'Resolution Delegating Management and Control of the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve to the Whitewater Parks and Recreation Board' was received in the Open Records request. During Citizen Comments at last night's council meeting Scott asked the council who requested the resolution and what situation it addressed.
- B. Scott reported that as a result of her Open Records request in September, information about the process of an historic preservation review of repairs and alterations to city owned local landmarks appears to not cover all sites. This opens the possibility of possible unintentional damage to local historic sites. At the common council meeting on October 4 Scott requested that the Common Council postpone voting on the second Reading of agenda item O-1, Amending Title 17 to provide for a COA, until the historic preservation process can be reviewed. The council agreed and the City Attorney will review the amendment with her, the Landmarks Commission and staff to address any change(s) to the Amendment that might be needed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XXI. Possible Local Landmark/Historic District/Historic Property Designations
1. Leon Pescheret house
 2. Vivian Henderson house
 3. UW Stone Pillars and Starin Park Pillars

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XXII. New provision of Chapter 17 – criteria and list

XXIII. Certificates for Local Landmarks and plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariann Scott
Secretary