

## WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

City Manager's Conference Room  
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190  
Wednesday, November 2, 2011 - 5 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call  
At 5:05 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, Marilyn Kienbaum, Linda Loomer, Alan Marshall, Mariann Scott, Nancy Wendt. Members absent: None. Guests present: Rosemary Leaver and Roy Nosek.
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement  
Helmick moved the agenda be amended to move item XIX forward to follow item V. Marshall seconded the amended agenda. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Kienbaum, Loomer, Marshall, Scott, Wendt.
- III. Approval of minutes of September 15, 2011 and October 5, 2011  
Secretary Scott reported the Sept. 15, 2011 and Oct. 5, 2011 minutes have not been completed.
- IV. Set date of next meeting - Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 5 P.M.
- V. Hear Citizen Comments:  
Roy Nosek thanked the Commission for reattaching the FREE LIBRARY letters to the White Memorial Building and asked about the storage location of the brick pavers. Rosemart Leaver is the new president of the Historic Starin Park Neighborhood Association. She requested information about the benefits and disadvantages of Historic District status. Various ways to better inform Whitewater citizens about this topic were discussed.
- XIX. Information on Historic District application for Starin Park Historic Neighborhood (Helmick)  
Leaver and Nosek are interested in ways to raise awareness of Historic Districts and their benefits and disadvantages. Various ways to better inform Whitewater citizens about this topic were discussed

### REPORTS

- VI. Update on James and Ella Rockefeller House (Christ)  
Christ reported she has not received copies of the photos yet.
- VII. Update on Effigy Mounds Preserve panel & brochure for Hoard Museum (Helmick)  
Helmick reported that the panels are at the printers and the Hoard Museum is planning a celebration in December. Christ and Loomer volunteered to work on the brochure. We will ask the city to print a limited number.
- VIII. Kiernan Yasko House Article - Whitewater Register (Helmick)  
Helmick showed the photo and article from the Whitewater Register and reported the Yasko's were very pleased.
- IX. Report from the Friends of the Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)
  - A. Helmick read a new letter of agreement similar to the 'Make A Difference Day' volunteer agreement form. The commissioners liked the new letter.
  - B. No projects have been done. Helmick reported that over 100 volunteer hours have been recorded for 2011 as of this month. He reviewed his Oct. 24 email to FOTEM members see attached copy.
  - C. A fall burn is scheduled for the week of November 7th through 15th and will be conducted by the DPW employees. Amundson approved FOTEM planting native plants by the entrance sign and plans to change the path so it will no longer go over the tail of the panther mound.
- X. Update on the FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Building (Loomer)  
Scott reported possible funding by the White Memorial Trust Fund is being explored. Loomer reported that Fred Kraege found one mistake in our list of historic events in the history of the Free Library which will be corrected.
- XI. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)  
Loomer reported the next meeting of the Birge Fountain committee is Nov. 16th. All painting on the fountain is completed. There is a question of how to pay for the painting. With the city having insufficient funds there will be discussion about using Birge Fountain Committee funds.

### OLD BUSINESS

- XII. Status of City Council Process on Fence Encroachments at Effigy Mounds Preserve

Scott reported no action by the council.

XIII. Status on Resolution (draft) re: management and control of Whitewater Effigy Mounds (Scott)

Scott reported that the resolution is no longer being worked on.

XIV. Status of Title 17 Amendment - Certificate of Approval for public/private property (COA) - (Scott)

No report.

XV. Discussion of Final Draft of Effigy Mounds Preservation & Maintenance Plan (Scott)

The Final Draft has not been on the City Council agenda and we have no information when the council will take action.

XVI. Update on delay of Passenger Depot COA review. (Marshall)

Two bids were received and both were \$50,000 plus over the grant award. The council formally rejected both bids. The project will be redesigned and re-bid with the bids being opened in late February 2012. See attached memorandum.

XVII. Update on Landmarks office space (Scott)

Scott demonstrated the use of the computer and projector in the City Manager Conference room. No locked storage is available.

XVIII. Organize for Historical and Archeological Month (May 2012)

Discussed and decided we needed a working group to coordinate activities. Christ, Helmick and Scott volunteered .

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

XX. Status of exterior maintenance of Nelson Salisbury House - 404 W. North (Christ)

Christ reported that this building is owned by Bulldag Enterprises and that Steve Spears is one of the owners. Christ will contact Latisha Birkeland in regard to the current maintenance problems with this Local Landmark.

XXI. Discussion of Landmarks Commission Members attendance at:

A. Parks and Rec Board - Helmick

B. Plan & Arxhitectural Review Committee - Only as needed.

C. City Council - Scott

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

XXII. Possible Local Landmarks/Historic District/Historic Property Designations

A. Leon Pescheret House

B. Vivian Henderson's House

C. UWW Stone Pillars & Starin Park Pillars

XXIII. Certificates for local landmarks

XXIV. Certified Local Government Grants (July 2012)

XXV. New Provisions of Title 17 - Criteria and List

XXVI. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

XXVII. Call to Adjourn

Chair Christ adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariann Scott, Secretary