

MINUTES

Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Wednesday, December 7, 2011 - 5 PM
City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call
At 5:08 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, Linda Loomer, Mariann Scott, Nancy Wendt. Members absent: Richard Helmick, Alan Marshall, Marilyn Kienbaum. Richard Helmick arrived at 5:25 P.M.
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
Loomer moved and Scott seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Loomer, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Helmick, Kienbaum, Marshall. Agenda approved.
- III. Approval of minutes of September 15, 2011, October 5, 2011, and November 2, 2011
Secretary Scott reported the November minutes have not been completed. Wendt moved and Scott seconded to accept the September 15, 2011 minutes as written. AYES: Christ, Loomer, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. ABSENT: Helmick, Marshall, Kienbaum. Loomer moved and Wendt seconded to accept the October 5, 2011 minutes as written. AYES: Christ, Loomer, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. ABSENT: Helmick, Marshall, Kienbaum.
- IV. Set date of next meeting - Wednesday, January 4, 2011
- V. Hear Citizen Comments: No formal Landmarks Commission Action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Commission discusses that particular item.
No citizens present.

REPORTS

- VI. Report from the Friends of the Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)
 - A. Attached is an email sent on Oct. 24, 2011 by Helmick that he presented. Of special interest was the fall burn done November 21st. Amundson reported the burn was a failure.
 - B. Christ handed out copies of the first issue of the FOTEM newsletter - the December 2011 issue. Everyone was very pleased with it. She plans to have a monthly, one-page issue that will be sent to FOTEM members, the Common Council and circulated to the public. A copy of the December 2011 issue is attached to the minutes.
- VII. Update on James and Ella Rockefeller House (Christ)
Christ showed the photos taken by the DOT to document the Rockefeller house before it was demolished. No photos were taken of the basement where the historic dairy was located. Helmick volunteered to work on a file to save the photos. The final report of the Rockefeller House will not be sent until the archaeological survey is completed.
- VIII. Update on Effigy Mounds Preserve panel & brochure for Hoard Museum (Helmick)
The three panels inviting visitors to the Aztalan State Park, the Jefferson County Indian Mounds Park, and the Whitewater Effigy Mound Preserve has been added to the Mystery of the Mounds exhibit at the Hoard Museum. A reception celebrating this event will be held at the museum on Dec. 15th at 5:30 P.M. The panels were designed, produced and installed by Image Branding First, Inc.
- IX. Update on Kiernan Yasko House (Christ)
Scott requested that the history section of the Kiernan Yasko nomination papers be amended to include the completion of the 'Prairie Tillers' Mural by Caryl Yasko. After discussion the commission agreed to make
- 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.
- XI. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)
Loomer report that at the Nov. 30th meeting of the Birge Fountain Committee the surveillance video showing the vandalism of the fountain cherubs was watched and discussed in detail. The commissioners are also very concerned about the vandalism done to the Birge Fountain, a Local Landmark.
- XII. Update on delay of Passenger Depot COA review (Marshall)
No report.
- XIII. Update on upcoming Starin Park Historic Neighborhood Assn Meeting - Jan. 16 (Helmick)

No report.

- XIV. Reports on any committee or commission action affecting Landmarks
Helmick reported on the Parks and Recreation Board December 5th meeting. The Effigy Mounds Preserve expenses for 2011 were \$6,300.
- XV. Update on Walking Tour Brochure (Wendt)
Christ met with Alan Luckett. Several brochures are being updated. The Landmarks Commission will be responsible for 'Historic Whitewater tour of Local Landmarks', Downtown Whitewater will plan "Walking Tour of Commercial Properties", Tourism Bureau will update Historic Whitewater Walking Tour and Luckett plans to do a digital plan.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- XVI. Historical and Archeological Month (May 2012) Planning Committee
A subcommittee was formed to bring suggestions to next month's meeting. Christ, Helmick and Scott

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- XVII. Status of City Council Process on Fence Encroachments at the Effigy Mounds Preserve (Scott)
No report.
- XVIII. Status on Resolution (draft) re: management and control of Whitewater Effigy Mounds (Scott)
Scott reported that the resolution is no longer being worked on.
- XIX. Status of Title 17 Amendment - Certificate of Approval for public/private property (COA) - (Scott)
Scott will meet with Wally McDonell and report at January meeting.
- XX. Status of exterior maintenance of Nelson Salisbury House - 404 W. North (Christ)
Christ reported Neighborhood Director Latisha Birkeland has sent an email to the City Attorney regarding the Nelson Salisbury House. Also an offer on the house has been made with a December 19th deadline. Birkeland plans to attend the Landmarks meeting on January 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

- XXI. Discuss brochure for City of Whitewater Landmarks (Christ)
See agenda item XV. above.
- XXII. Explore options for promoting and recognizing new and existing Landmarks
Helmick suggested creating 'something,' in addition to a certificate, that landowner can keep with their property. Will discuss under Preservation Month in January.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XXIII. Possible Local Landmarks/Historic District/Historic Property Designations
A. Leon Pescheret House
B. Vivian Henderson's House
C. UWW Stone Pillars & Starin Park Pillars
- XXIV. Certificates for local landmarks
- XXV. Certified Local Government Grants (July 2012)
- XXVI. New Provisions of Title 17 - Criteria and List
- XXVII. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

ADJOURNMENT

- XXVIII. Call to Adjourn
Chair Christ adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariann Scott, Secretary