

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION

February 2, 2011

Chair, Mariann Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:43 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, Richard Helmick, and Carol Christ. Brandon Vervelde, David Sachs and Marilyn Kienbaum were absent.

Approval of Agenda

Linda moved to approve the agenda as printed. Richard seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

Richard moved to accept the January 5, 2010 minutes with the following corrections: Change David Singer to David Sachs and note that Marilyn Kienbaum was absent. Linda seconded. Motion approved.

Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 2, at 5:30 P.M in the City Manager's Conference Room at the Whitewater Municipal Building.

Citizen's Comments

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Mounds

No report

Restoration Proposal Open Meeting – January 19th

Tom Jennings of Jennings and Associates presented a draft of a land management plan. The two part plan identified existing habitat types as well as restoration and management recommendations. Six Friends and three Landmarks members were present. No Park Board Members attended. Trails were discussed. Tom invited interested parties to take part in planning the pathways. Mariann also noted that the architecture shown in the plans was square and that Native American's used the circle as a central focal point – e.g. Drum arbor.

Boundary Encroachments in Effigy Mounds Preserve

Boundary issues which include a fence that is on one of the mounds might be addressed by the restrictive covenants that accompany the Indian Mounds Subdivision. These covenants prohibit plantings and fences within the 10' utility and buffer easement. Richard moved that both the city attorney and city manager be invited to the March 2 Landmarks meeting to discuss removal of illegal fences in the Effigy Mounds Preserve. Carol seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Birge Fountain Figures

Chuck Nass and his crew have completed the case for the Maid. Linda moved that a thank you note be sent to them. Richard seconded. Motion approved. Linda volunteered to contact the newspaper regarding a picture and article. It was suggested that a plaque on the front of the case would be nice. Linda will bring that idea to the Birge Fountain committee.

James and Ella Rockefeller House

Mr. Russ Walton has declined the offer of the WisDOT to move the house. After purchase by the WisDot, it will now be advertised sale. It was suggested that Jefferson and Walworth County Realtors be contacted about the sale. Carol will contact them.

UWW Stone Pillars

There is no more news regarding the verbal agreement that includes a WisDOT plan to change the traffic lights and keep the walls in place. Engineers as well as the University will need to approve.

Informational Meetings re Historic Districts and Local Landmarks

A public informational meeting is being planned at 7 PM January 10, at city hall to inform residents and businesses of the benefits of being a historic district/local landmark. Daina Penkiunas from the Wisconsin Historical Society will be the main presenter. It will also be videotaped so that it may be broadcast at a later date.

Historical and Archaeological Preservation Month

Pastor Wendt has gotten approval from the ministerial association for the upcoming church open house planned for Sunday, May 15th. Mariann requested that at our March meeting the commission plan an Effigy Mounds event.

NEW BUSINESS

Landmarks Forms

Members should review the Landmarks nomination form and possible future local Landmark designations (see E below) for the March meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- A. New Provision of Chapter 17 – criteria & list
- B. Leaflets and Educational Material
- C. Possible Grants – Jeffris Family & CLG
- D. Plaques for Whitewater sites that are on National Register
- E. Possible Future Local Landmarks Designations
 - 1. Leon Pescheret House (Scott)
 - 2. Vivian Henderson House (Scott)
 - 3. Yasko House
 - 4. Ambrose House
 - 5. Starin Park Historic Neighborhood (Helmick)
- F. “Free Library” signs

Richard moved for adjournment. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Christ
Acting Secretary