

# WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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**June 1, 2011**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Chair, Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:07 P.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Whitewater Municipal Building.
- b. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Carol Christ, Richard Helmick, Linda Loomer, and Mariann Scott. Note: Marilyn Kienbaum arrived at 5:10. Guests present – Matt Amundsen and Linda Platner.

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. Helmick moved and Loomer seconded to accept amended agenda items.
- b. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Kienbaum, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None ABSENT: None
- c. Loomer moved and Helmick seconded to approve agenda.
- d. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Kienbaum, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None ABSENT: None

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Helmick moved and Loomer seconded to accept the May 4, 2011 minutes as printed.
- b. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Kienbaum, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None ABSENT: None

IV. Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting is to be scheduled for Wed. June 6, at 5:00 P.M in the City Manager's Conference Room at the Whitewater Municipal Building.

V. Election of Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary

- a. Helmick moved and Christ seconded to postpone until unfilled position(s) on commission are filled.
- b. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Kienbaum, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None ABSENT: None

VI. Citizen's Comments

Matt Amundsen announced that there would be publicity pictures taken at the new Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve sign at 4:30 on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Park Board members and Landmarks commissioners are invited.

## REPORTS

VII. Report on Whitewater attendance commission, boards and committee policy.

Scott reported that David Sachs resigned and leaving two vacancies on the commission.

VIII. Report on Landmarks Commission 2010 Report to Wisconsin Historical Society

Scott reported that a brief summary and all 2010 agendas and minutes were sent.

IX. Report on membership in the Wisconsin Alliance of Preservation Commissions

Scott reported that membership was applied for on March 31<sup>st</sup> and nothing has been received.

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## X. Report on James and Ella Rockefeller House

- a. Christ reported that a press release on April 18, 2011 by the WisDOT offered the Rockefeller House for relocation.
- b. An information packet must be requested by July 11, 2011 by parties interested in obtaining and moving the property.
- c. Interested parties then have 30 days from receipt of packet to return a signed statement of interest form to the WisDOT.

## XI. Report on Yasko House, 135 Whiton Street – Application for possible Local Landmark Nomination

- a. Scott reported that Carol Cartwright has reviewed application and a bibliography is needed to substantiate information.
- b. Scott noted that Landmarks Commission needs a training session on how to approve a local landmark.

## XII. Report from Friends of Effigy Mounds meetings – May 19 & 28. (Helmick)

- a. Notes from 5/19 Meeting
  1. Helmick reported that Suzanne Haselow is media contact.
  2. A monthly newsletter would be a good idea.
  3. Preparations for 5/25 presentation were discussed.
  4. Toured new path.
- b. Notes from 5/28 Meeting
  1. Work day began at 8 AM and ended at 6 PM
  2. About 60 people attended presentation
  3. About 45 people went on tour
  4. Event was covered by city's access channel/ Whitewater Register
  5. Several people joined FOTEM

## XIII. Report on Hoard Museum Panel and Brochure

- a. Director, Kori Oberle is planning a meeting in the next 2 weeks.
- b. Panel will include location map, trail map, sign and pictures along with pertinent information
- c. Hoard Museum has received private funding for all 3 panels.

## OLD BUSINESS

### XIV. Effigy Mounds Restoration Proposal, Boundary Issues and Work Projects

- a. No final copy of restoration proposal has been received.
- b. When city council toured site, they only saw fence encroachment (east side)
- c. On May 19<sup>th</sup> Scott & Helmick met with Amundson, city attorney, Wally McDonell to discuss encroachments.
- d. Helmick presented a suggested list of work projects.

### XV. Whitewater Historical and Archeological Preservation Month

- a. Tour was well attended (see XII b.)
- b. Publicity was well done.
- c. Rob Nurre will work on finding a pro-bono archeologist to research possible intaglio.

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## XVI. Historical Preservation Month Activities

- a. Twenty nine people attended Church Walk – Sunday, May 15.
- b. Fifteen – 20 people visited Original Birge Fountain display in White Building.
- c. A few people stopped to talk to Roy Nosek at Birge Fountain.

## XVII. Discussion of FREE LIBRARY Rededication on Friday, June 17, at 1 PM.

- a. 1 PM before the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Irvin Young Library at 1:30 PM.
- b. Landmarks will handle publicity and invite former librarians and staff members.
- c. A short presentation is planned.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## XVIII. Discussion of Possible Classroom Educational Material for Effigy Mounds Preserve

Ideas include a fourth grade kit or a booklet.

## XIX. Future Agenda Items

- a. Review possible future local landmark designations
  1. Leon Pescheret house
  2. Vivian Henderson house
  3. Starin Park Historic Neighborhood
  4. UW Stone Pillars and Starin Park Pillars
- b. New provision of Chapter 17 – criteria and list
- c. Possible amendments to Chapter 17 Ordinance (COA, Annual report to council)
- d. Possible Grants – Jeffris Family and CLG
- e. Plaques for Whitewater sites that are on National Register

## XX. Adjournment

- a. Helmick moved and Loomer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 P.M.
- b. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Kienbaum, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Carol D. Christ  
Secretary Pro Tem