

## WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

City Manager's Conference Room  
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190  
Wednesday, January 4, 2012 - 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, Linda Loomer, Alan Marshall, Mariann Scott (arrived at 5:10). Members absent: Marilyn Kienbaum, Nancy Wendt. Guests present: Latisha Birkeland, Neighborhood Services Director.
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement  
Marshall moved the agenda be amended to move item XI, XII and XIV forward to follow item V. Helmick seconded the amended agenda. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Marshall. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum, Scott, Wendt. Agenda approved as amended.
- III. Approval of minutes of September 15, 2011 and October 5, 2011  
Secretary Scott reported the November 2, 2011 minutes have not been completed. Due to a communication error the December minutes were not sent to commissioners for review. Postponed approval to February meeting.
- IV. Set date of next meeting - Wednesday, February 1 at 5 P.M.
- V. Hear Citizen Comments:  
Landmarks commissioners and Birkeland explained their respective duties and discussed ways they can cooperate. Birkeland is interested in helping with the new historical brochures that are planned by providing up-to-date maps.
- XI. Update on Guide to Whitewater's Historic Landmarks and Main Street Historic District (Christ)  
Loomer and Marshall volunteered to review the current Local Landmarks brochure. Discuss need for a new map with Birkeland.
- XII. Update on Walking Tour brochure (Wendt)  
No report because Wendt absent.
- XIV. Status of the exterior maintenance of the Nelson Salisbury House - 404 W. North St. (Christ)  
Christ gave information to Birkeland regarding the exterior maintenance problems with this Local Landmark and the commissioner reviewed Title 17.12.050 Maintenance. Birkeland plans to follow up on the needed repairs and will email Christ with a status report.

### REPORTS

- VI. Report from the Friends of the Effigy Mounds (Helmick)
  - A. Helmick and Christ will attend the annual Friends of Aztalan dinner meeting on January 28th at the Hoard Museum.
  - B. An initial investigation of intaglio is being planned. Depending on the results, a scientific study would follow. Funds would need to be raised at that time. Scott reported an oral history report from Jack Cummings. He remembers noticing as a young teen what looked like a recently (in the last few years) dug trench in that area.
  - C. Christ plans to issue the next FOTEM newsletter at the end of January and will inquire about having the newsletter posted on the Whitewater Banner.
- VII. Update on James and Ella Rockefeller (Christ)  
Christ showed a binder containing a DVD and all the DOT photos and documents pertaining to the Rockefeller House. The binder will be stored in the City Clerk's office.
- VIII. Update on Effigy Mounds Preserve panel & brochure for Hoard Museum (Helmick)  
Helmick reported the panels are now on display in the *Mystery of the Mounds* exhibit at the Hoard Museum. Six of the commissioners attended the reception on December 15th. Everyone is pleased with their appearance.
- IX. Update on restoration of the Passenger Depot (Marshall)  
Marshall said nothing to report at this time.
- X. Update on upcoming Starin Park Historic Neighborhood Assn. meeting - Jan. 16th (Helmick)  
No report.

- XIII. Report Historical & Archaeological Month (May) Planning Sub-committee (Christ, Helmick, Scott)  
Plans include a Thank You reception in City Hall - May 3rd (room reserved by Scott), display at Young library for May 1st-31st (large display case reserved by Helmick), guided tours at Effigy Mounds Preserve - May 5th & May 26th, city proclamation, tapes of past historic tours on cable station.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- XV. Status of City Council process on Fence Encroachments at Effigy Mounds Preserve (Scott)  
Scott reported the encroachments will be on the January 17th meeting of the city council.
- XVI. Add information re: the *Prairie Tillers* Mural to the Kiernan Yasko House nomination papers (Scott)  
Marshall moved and Scott seconded adding a line to the nomination papers stating that Caryl Yasko painted the *Prairie Tillers* mural and when it was painted.
- XVII. Update on the FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Building (Scott)  
Scott plans to contact Nedra of Image Branding First, Inc., of Fort Atkinson to find the approximate cost of the panel.
- XVIII. Status of Title 17 Amendment - Certificate of Approval for public/private property (COA) - (Scott)  
No report.
- XIX. Update on Birge Fountain Vandalism (Loomer)  
Loomer reported the Birge Fountain committee sent an article to the media publicizing the vandalism and asking for help from citizens to apprehend the vandals.
- XX. Status of certificates for new and existing Local Landmarks (Helmick)  
Helmick showed copies of proposed certificates. Commissioners are interested in giving this kind of recognition to our Local Landmarks and their owners.
- XXI. Implementing Title 17 re: city owned historically significant personal property  
Christ and Scott will plan a meeting with the City Clerk to discuss this topic.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- XXII. Discuss plans for meeting Ho-chunk tribal leaders on January 18th (Helmick)  
Christ, Helmick and Scott plan to attend the Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriation Committee (WITRC) monthly meeting which is in Baraboo. They have been invited to present information about the current status of the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve.
- XXIII. Develop a Thank You card for people who are supportive of preservation in Whitewater (Helmick)  
Helmick showed examples which were well received by the commissioners.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- XXIV. Possible Local Landmarks/Historic District/Historic Property Designations  
A. Leon Pescheret House  
B. Vivian Henderson's House  
C. UWW Stone Pillars & Starin Park Pillars
- XXV. Certified Local Government Grants (July 2012)
- XXVI. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places
- XXVII. Call to Adjourn  
Chair Christ adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mariann Scott, Secretary