

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 - 5 PM

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, Richard Helmick, Linda Loomer, Alan Marshall, Mariann Scott, Nancy Wendt. Members absent: Marilyn Kienbaum. Guests present: Kati Anderson, Sasha Dantzler, UW-W students.
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
Helmick moved the agenda be approved. Loomer seconded the motion. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Marshall, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum. Motion passed.
- III. Approval of minutes of November 2, 2011, December 7, 2011 and January 4, 2012
Helmick moved and Marshall seconded that the November 2, 2011 minutes be approved as written. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Marshall, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum. Motion passed. Helmick moved and Marshall seconded that the December 7, 2011 minutes be approved as corrected. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Marshall, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum. Motion passed. Helmick moved and Marshall seconded that the January 4, 2012 minutes be approved as corrected. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Marshall, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum. Motion passed.
- IV. Set date of next meeting - Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 5 P.M. in City Manager's Conference Room.
- V. Hear Citizen Comments:
UW-W students Sasha Dantzler and Kati Anderson explained they are working as interns on a project for the Whitewater Historical Society's re-opening of the remodeled Passenger Depot in July. They are interested in learning more about historical preservation activities in Whitewater.

REPORTS

- VI. Report from the Friends of the Effigy Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)
 - A. Helmick reported being impressed with the organization of the annual Friends of Aztalan dinner meeting on January 28th at the Hoard Museum and with the support it received. FOTEM members Christ and Suzanne Haselow also attended.
 - B. See item XVI. for report on the Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriation Committee (WITRC) in Baraboo on January 17, 2012.
 - C. Christ showed January issue of FOTEM newsletter which was emailed at the end of January. See attached copy.
 - D. At the next FOTEM meeting on Saturday Feb. 18, 2012 Christ will show the DVD, *Informational Presentation on the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve*, made by Christ and Scott and shown on the Whitewater PEG TV station to inform the public about the upcoming City Council vote.
- VII. Update on James and Ella Rockefeller (Christ)
Christ reported still waiting for final information to be received by City Clerk. It will be stored in the City Clerk's office.
- VIII. Update on Restoration of the Passenger Depot (Marshall)
Marshall reported while planning the remodeling the depot basement a problem with sewage going under the basement of the depot was discovered and will need to be resolved. Construction is expected to begin the end of March at the earliest.
- IX. Update on upcoming Starin Park Historic Neighborhood Assn. meeting - Jan.16th (Helmick)
Helmick had a 2 hour meeting with Rosemary Leaver. A main barrier to interest in historic districts appears to be misperceptions of benefits homeowners receive from living in an historic district.
- X. Update on Walking Tour brochure (Wendt)
No report.
- XI. Add information re: the Prairie Tillers Mural to the Kiernan Yasko House nomination papers (Scott)
Helmick reported amendment to nomination papers completed.

- XII. Report Historical & Archaeological Month (May) Planning
 - A. Effigy Mound Preserve tours planned for May 5th & 26th
 - B. Downtown Whitewater Walking brochure at printer. Tour being planned. (Helmick)
 - C. Posters will be done by Christ. Need to explore using other media for publicity.
 - D. TV Infomercial & past video presentations on Whitewater PEG TV station during May.
 - E. The display in the large case at Young Library will be done by Loomer and Scott.
 - F. May 3rd Appreciation reception at City Hall. Program possibly a PowerPoint
 - G. Proclamation of Historic Preservation Month by city manager.
- XIII. Local Landmarks/Main Street Historic District Brochures (Loomer, Marshall)
Loomer and Marshall showed a mock-up brochure with map provided by Neighborhood Director Birkeland. Suggested contacting City Clerk for digital photos to illustrate the brochure. It will not be ready by May. The plan to add new local landmarks as they are designated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- XIV. Status of the exterior maintenance of the Nelson Salisbury House - 404 W. North St. (Christ)
Christ received an email from Birkeland stating all the repairs required by the city have been done. The repairs needed for a Local Landmarks have not been done.
- XV. Status of City Council process on Fence Encroachments at Effigy Mounds Preserve (Scott)
Scott reported the encroachments will be on the February 7th meeting of the city council.
- XVI. Discussion on meeting with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (WITRC) on Jan.17th in Baraboo
Christ, Helmick and Scott made a PowerPoint presentation on the history, preservation, and maintenance of the Whitewater Effigy Mounds to WITRC. They agreed to support the work of FOTEM and Landmarks in preserving and protecting the Maples Mound group. The Ho-Chunk representative, Bill Quackenbush, volunteered to be the coordinator.
- XVII. Update on the FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Building (Scott)
Scott contacted Nedra Lemke of Image Branding First, Inc., of Fort Atkinson who suggested a panel of four and one half square feet which would cost approximately \$500.
- XVIII. Status of Title 17 Amendment - Certificate of Approval COA (Scott)
Scott reported it was unclear if the copy of the proposed amendment we have received is the final amendment. Postponed until clarification is received from city attorney.
- XIX. Implementing Title 17.08.040 re: city-owned historically significant personal property
Handed out list of city-owned private property to be reviewed before next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- XX. Discuss which city-owned properties might be designated as Local Landmarks.
Postponed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XXI. Certified Local Government Grants (July 2012)
- XXII. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

ADJOURNMENT

- XXIII. Call to Adjourn
Chair Christ adjourned the meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariann Scott, Secretary