

Minutes

Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday, September 6, 2012 – 6PM
City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call
Christ called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.
Present: Carol Christ, Richard Helmick, Linda Loomer, Suzanne Haeslow
Staff present: None
Absent: Marilyn Keinbaum, Alan Marshall, Nancy Wendt, Latisha Birkeland
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement: Loomer/ Haeslow moved to approve the agenda as written.
Aye: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Helmick.
No: None
- III. Approval of minutes of April 18, 2012 (special meeting), June 7, 2012; June 28, 2012 (special meeting) and August 2, 2012.
 - A. April 18, 2012: Loomer/Christ moved to approve the minutes as written.
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Helmick
Noes: None
 - B. June 07, 2012: Two spelling mistakes were corrected: Loomer/Haeslow moved to approve the minutes as corrected.
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Helmick
Noes: None
 - C. June 28, 2012: One grammatical mistake was corrected: Loomer/Haeslow moved to approve the minutes as corrected.
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Helmick
Noes: None
 - D. Aug. 02, 2012: Loomer/Haeslow moved to approve the minutes as written.
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Helmick
Noes: None
- IV. Set date and time of next meeting - Thursday, October 4, 2012 - 6:00 P.M
The next meeting will be held on October 04, 2012 at 6:00 PM.
- 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.
There were no citizens present.

REPORTS

- VI. Report from Friends of the Mounds – FOTEM (Helmick)
 - A. Work by FOTEM: Members participated in three work sessions to help eradicate burdock and other weeds at the WEMP.
 - B. Update on turf management. Matt Amundson has reported that the city is waiting for the State Historical Society to advise them on the proper method of seeding the mounds before they remove the turf.
 - C. The trail at the WEMP is not being mowed correctly. Matt Amundson plans to discuss the matter with city staff.
 - D. July/August FOTEM newsletter. The newsletter has been published and emailed to members.
- VII. Update on Walking Tour Brochure (Wendt)
No report
- VIII. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)
Roy Nosek has had difficulty arranging a meeting date for the committee.
- IX. Update on Local Landmarks/Main Street Historic District Brochures (Loomer, Marshall & Christ)
No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- X. Petition for rescission of landmark designation for Nelson Salisbury House - 404 W. North (Christ)
Christ discussed the issue with the real estate agent, Marv Krohn. According to Krohn, the seller wants to put the process on hold because the potential buyer is interested in keeping it listed as a landmark.
- XI. Status of FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Library
Loomer reported that the wording is being drafted and donations will be sought for the panel.
- XII. Implementing 17.08.040 of Title 17 re city-owned historically significant personal property.
No report.
- XIII. Nomination of Whitewater Passenger Depot to the National Register of Historic Places
Loomer, on behalf of the Landmarks Commission, wrote a letter to the State Historical Society supporting the nomination. The WSHS met last month. No word from WSHS has been received on the status of the nomination. Loomer will follow up with the WSHS to inquire on the status of the proposed designation.
- XIV. Corrections to Architectural and Historical Survey of Whitewater, WI 53190
Christ is still waiting to hear from Carol Cartwright about the needed corrections.
- XV. Status on plan review documents
Christ is in discussion with Birkeland to develop a process that city staff can use. More information will be presented at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

State Conference on Historical Preservation, Madison, September 28-29.

None of the commissioners volunteered to attend.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XVI. Future designations of city-owned properties as local landmarks
- XVII. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

ADJOURNMENT

- XVIII. Call to Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Helmick, Secretary, Landmarks Commission