

MINUTES
Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Tuesday April 2, 2013 - 6 PM
Irvin L. Young Memorial Library*
431 W. Center Street, Whitewater, WI 53190
*(Note Change of day and meeting place)

CALL TO ORDER

I. Call to Order and roll call at 6:07 PM.

Chairperson Christ called the meeting to order at 6:07

Present: Carol Christ, Alan Marshall, Suzanne Haeslow, Richard Helmick

Absent: Nancy Wendt, Linda Loomer, Andrew Crone

Staff present: Latisha Birkland

II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement

MSC (Marshall/Haeslow) to approve the agenda as published.

Ayes: Christ, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick

No: None

Abstain: None

III. Approval of minutes of March 7, 2013

The minutes of March 7, 2013 were approved

MSC (Haeslow/Helmick) to approve the minutes as written.

Ayes: Christ, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick

No: None

Abstain: None

IV. Set date and time of next meeting - Thursday, May 9, 2013 - 6:00 P.M

The next meeting is set for Thursday May 9, 2013 in the city managers' conference room.

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.

No citizen comments were made.

VI. Report from the Friends of the Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)

A. Design plan presented to Urban Forestry Commission on Tuesday, March 26

FOTEM member Denay Trykowski presented design options for the entrance of the Effigy Mounds Preserve. The UFC voiced recommendations for the plans and approved them for consideration at the next Park and Recreation Board meeting. The state archeologist needs to confirm that the soil in this area can be disturbed.

B. Upcoming Parks and Rec Board Meeting Tuesday, April 9

Denay Trykowski will present design options for the entrance of the Effigy Mounds Preserve. FOTEM members have been encouraged to attend the meeting starting at 4:30 in the Cravath Lakefront room, 2nd floor, city hall.

C. Report on FOTEM Meeting - March 9

Members met at the Irvin Young Memorial Library. The adoption of by-laws was discussed. It was decided to table the matter until items could be further clarified. Four committees were established: Entrance Design, Trails, By-laws, and Eradication of Invasive Vegetation.

D. Plans are being made for Rob Nurre to give one of his famous, interpretive talks as part of National Historic Preservation Month. After his talk, tours of the preserve will be offered.

VII. Update on Whitewater Passenger Depot (Marshall)

The depot will have its grand opening on April 28, 2013 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. There will be refreshments served, taping of live interviews, tours of exhibits, and door drawings. The Regiment Band of Wisconsin will be there to play at the beginning of the event and at its end. Congratulations to all involved.

VIII. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)

No report.

IX. Update on Local Landmarks/Main Street Historic District Brochures (Christ & Crone)

Christ will be making a presentation to the Whitewater Tourism Board on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Tourism may be donating some money to help cover the cost of a brochure.

X. Update on Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Preservation and Maintenance Plan (Helmick)

It was announced at the last UFC meeting that the Park and Recreation Board is planning to do a spring burn at the preserve. Chuck Nass indicated that mowing would be done as usual with more emphasis placed upon the correct trail paths and that the two stone benches that were removed last year will be put back.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. Status of FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Library (Loomer)

No report.

XII. Implementing 17.08.040 of Title 17 re city-owned historically significant personal property.

Birkland has given the list to Jane Wagner who will type it up for us.

XIII. Corrections to Architectural and Historical Survey of Whitewater, WI 53190 (Marshall)

Alan Luckett will be making the changes on his digital copy. Latisha will check with him that the survey is on the city's web site under Landmarks.

XIV. Local Landmarks Framed Certificates (Christ)

Christ has made some spelling changes on the last certificate. She will make arrangements to have it delivered.

XV. Nelson Salisbury House - 404 W. North (Christ)

The house will be bought by an individual who still needs to have plans approved by the Plan Commission.

XVI. Drumlin Hall - possible historic preservation (Haselow)

Haselow reported that the report in the local paper might have been in error.

XVII. WI Assoc. of Historic Preservation Commissions (WAHPC) Spring Conference - April 27 in Milton

Helmick volunteered to attend. Haselow may be able to attend as well.

XVIII. Wisconsin Historic Preservation and Archeology Month - May

A. Effigy Mounds Preserve presentation and tour will be held on May 11, 2013.

B. Proclamation of Historic Preservation Month by city manager. Christ will contact city hall regarding the printing of the proclamation. It will be presented at the council meeting on May 7, 2013.

C. Annual report to city Council (Christ). Christ will make sure the report will be in the council members' packet.

D. May 14th - Reception (Haselow & Helmick)

The date is still undecided. Helmick and Haselow will contact past commission members to see if they would be willing to attend. They will bring more information to the next meeting.

E. Update on library display Case (Christ). The cases are being used this year by other groups.

F. TV Infomercial & past video presentations on Whitewater PEG TV station during May. Christ is still waiting for Alan Luckett to return her call.

G. Publicity. Birkland volunteered to help with publicity once the commission has all the arrangements completed.

NEW BUSINESS

XIX. Openings on Landmarks Commission

Christ talked with Michele Smith about possible candidates. Once the elections are over, Michele will get back to her.

XX. Historic tax credit legislation bill - LRB-1274/1, (Helmick)

Helmick received the information from Downtown Whitewater Inc. and presented it to the commission as a point of information. Property owners could possibly realize a 40% savings on approved renovations to their buildings.

XXI. Pangea informational applications.

Helmick presented the idea to the commission. Birkland said it would be easy to include Landmark information on the maps. Alan Luckett could easily do this once he has the information.

XXII. WAHPC annual membership

Birkland will make sure that membership dues will be paid by the city.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XXIII. Designation of local landmarks - city or private properties - ideas

XXIV. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

XXV. Call to Adjourn.

MSC Helmick/Marshall to adjourn at 7:21PM.

Ayes: Christ, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick

No: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Helmick, Secretary Landmarks Commission