

MINUTES

Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday March 7, 2013 - 6 PM
City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call
Chairperson Christ called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
Present: Carol Christ, Suzanne Haeslow, Richard Helmick, Andrew Crone, Nancy Wendt
Absent: Linda Loomer, Alan Marshall
Staff present: Latisha Birkland
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
MSC Haeslow/Crone to approve as presented.
Ayes: Christ, Haeslow, Helmick, Crone
No: None
Abstain: None
- III. Approval of minutes of February 7, 2013.
Nancy Wendt arrived, 6:08 PM.
MSC Crone/Haeslow to approve as presented.
Ayes: Christ, Haeslow, Helmick, Crone, Wendt
No: None
Abstain: None
- IV. Set date and time of next meeting - Thursday, April 2, 2013 - 6:00 P.M
The tentative date for the next meeting has been proposed for April 02, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Due to the city's municipal and state voting procedures on that date, Birkland will notify members as to the location of the meeting.
- 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' comments.

REPORTS

- VI. Report from Friends of the Mounds – FOTEM (Helmick)
FOTEM members gave a tour of the WEMP to Briene Brown on March 2, 2013. Ms. Brown has volunteered with the Whitewater Community Foundation to try and secure grant funding to help with the maintenance of the preserve, particularly the area immediately adjacent to Effigy Mounds Parkway.
There will be an open FOTEM meeting, March 9, at 10:00 AM in the White Memorial Room at the Irvin L. Young Library.
- VII. Update on restoration of Whitewater Passenger Depot (Marshall)
Final contract approval was sent to DARR, the engineering firm contracted with the state, for their approval. The approval is for the changes in the basement improvements.
- VIII. Update on Walking Tour Brochure (Wendt & Christ)
Tourism may have some money set aside to help pay for a brochure. Latisha is in discussion with Kathleen Fleming regarding this funding.
- IX. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)
No report.
- X. Update on Local Landmarks/Main Street Historic District Brochures (Loomer, Marshall & Christ)
Christ distributed the most recent information on the city's landmarks. This will be posted on the city's web site. Alan Luckett is planning to post pictures of the properties to go along with the new information. Christ is investigating layout and associated information to be used in a brochure. Plans are also being made to have the information available for digital access. Discussion ensued. Crone volunteered to help with layout design.
- XI. Update on Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Preservation and Maintenance Plan (Helmick)
No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- Mariann Scott has volunteered to get this done.
- XIII. Implementing 17.08.040 of Title 17 re city-owned historically significant personal property. Personal property is property you can move and/or touch. Real property is real estate. Christ will work with Birkland to develop an inventory of personal property in the city that has historical significance to the city.
 - XIV. Corrections to Architectural and Historical Survey of Whitewater, WI 53190 (Marshall)
Alan Luckett will place a corrected copy of the survey on the city web site.
 - XV. Local Landmarks Framed Certificates
A few of the certificates still need to be delivered.
 - XVI. Drumlin Hall - possible historic preservation (Haeslow)
Haeslow has emailed for more information. All of her inquiries to date have not been successful. Christ gave her another contact to try.

NEW BUSINESS

- XVII. Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions Spring Conference - April 27
This year, the conference will be held in Milton. Members who think they would like to attend need to contact Christ.
- XVIII. Wisconsin Historic Preservation and Archeology Month – May
There is a possibility that Landmarks will be able to use one of the cases at the city library to display information.
There is a possibility of guided tours of the Effigy Mounds Preserve.
There is a possibility of having a Dinner event to thank past Landmark members, property owners, and city staff.
- XIX. Designation of local landmarks - city or private properties – ideas
The Whitewater City Armory may be a potential candidate.
The Vivian Henderson property and the Pescheret House may also be candidates.
- XX. Landmarks Commission Annual Preservation Activities Report for state of Wisconsin (Christ)
Christ has digitally sent all commissioners a copy of the report. She will be sending it to the state.
Copies will also be sent to city council members for their meeting on March 19.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XXI. - Distribution of plaques to property owners.
- Status of 404 West North Street.
- Potential candidates for Landmarks Commissioner

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

- XXII. MSC Wendt/Haeslow to adjourn the meeting.
Ayes: Christ, Haeslow, Helmick, Crone, Wendt
No: None
Abstain: None
The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Helmick, Secretary, Landmarks Commission