

AGENDA
Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday, May 1, 2014 – 6 PM
City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190
Call to Order

Call to Order and roll call

Chairman Kienbaum called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM

Present: Ken Kienbaum, Alan Marshall, Suzanne Popke, Suzanne Haselow, Sara Bergant, Richard Helmick

Absent: None

Staff present: Alan Lutke

Approval of Agenda

MSC Marshal/Bergant to approve the agenda as printed.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshall, Popke, Haselow, Bergant, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2014

MSC Bergant/Marshall to approve the minutes as printed.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshall, Popke, Haselow, Bergant, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Set date and time of next meeting

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, June 5, 2014, 6:00 PM in the city manager's conference room.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshall, Popke, Haselow, Bergant, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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 citizen comments.

Reports

1. Friends of the Mounds (Helmick)

Research on the original mound demensions are still on-going.

2. Report on Mound Sites Preservation and Maintenance Conference in Muscodia, WI on April 12, 2014

There was a conference on the preservation and maintenance of mound sites sponsored by the WI Archeological Society in Muscodia. Several groups and agencies were in attendance. The Whitewater Parks Director gave a power point presentation on the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve, its history and the various actions the city has taken towards maintenance and preservation.

3. Historical Society (Marshall)

Summer hours will be determined at the next meeting. Most of the materials that the Society owns has been moved back to the museum.

4. Birge Fountain (Kienbaum)

No report. It is reported that all of the tridents that were held by the cherubs were stolen. The city is researching how to make new ones.

5. Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve and Maintenance (Helmick)

- a. The city has completed the chemical removal of turf grasses from the top of all mounds.
- b. The city has completed a burn of the grass/savanna areas in the preserve.
- c. One of the mounds has had an animal that dug a den into the side of a mound. MSC Helmick/Begant that Chairman Kienbaum contact Matt Amundson to repair the mound that has been damaged by an animal.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshall, Popke, Haselow, Bergant, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

6. Report on Display at Library for Historical/Archeological month (Helmick)

The display has been set up in the display case at the Irvin Young Library. Special thanks go to our fine city librarians as well as Nancy Stanford and Carol Christ for their help.

Unfinished Business

1. Historically significant property – hitching post/carriage step at 445 W. Center

A copy of wording that specifies the hitching post and carriage stoop at 445 W. Center as significant property owned by the city.

2. Consideration of Water Tower for Landmark status

The tower is certainly eligible for landmark status. Haselow and Ludtke volunteered to prepare the paper work for the application.

3. Consideration of Armory for Landmark status

Helmick volunteered to prepare the paper work for the application.

4. Consideration of Horse Fountain for Landmark status (in front of the depot)

Marshall volunteered to prepare the paper work for the application.

5. Plaques for Landmarks (someone to bring one to meeting, will decide on size)

Popke had contactd the art professors at UW-Whitewater. Two professors responded. They requested more information so they can discuss the project with students this Fall.

6. Proclamation for the City of Whitewater Historic Preservation Month and Wisconsin Archaeology Month at City Council Meeting on May 6

Kienbaum and Carol Christ, immediate past chairperson, will accept the proclamations from the city.

7. Budget for next year

The commission will need to alert the city that it needs a line item in the budget. Research needs to be done to determine what categories need to be represented and an approximation of the costs. This topic will be brought up at our next meeting.

New Business

1. Whitewater Historical Society's response to City Landmarks Commission in regard to Historically Significant Personal Property
Marshall referred to the handout he gave to the commission at the last meeting depicting the Historical Society's guidelines. Discussion ensued.

Future Agenda Items

1. Budget discussion
2. First English Lutheran Church will be doing some restoration. Once the request(s) are received by the city, the city will then notify both the Landmarks Commission for its consideration. Marshall will keep the commission informed as well.

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Adjournment

MSC Haeslow/Bergant to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshall, Popke, Haselow, Bergant, Helmick

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Helmick, Secretary