

Minutes
Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday, April 3, 2014 – 6 PM
City Manager’s Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order

Chairman Kienbaum called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Present: Ken Kienbaum, Alan Marshal, Carol Christ, Suzanne Haselow, Suzanne Popke, Sarah Bergants, Richard Helmick

Absent: None

Staff present: Alan Lockett

Others present: Mariann Scott, Marge

Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda

Under reports, item 5 will be considered first in order for Scott to give her report.

MSC Marshal/Haselow to approve the agenda with the above change.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshal, Christ, Haselow, Popke, Bergants, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2014

MSC Marshall to approve the minutes with corrections.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshal, Christ, Haselow, Popke, Bergants, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

3. Set date and time of next meeting – Thursday, May 1, 2014 - 6:00 PM

MSC Helmick /Marshal to set the next meeting of the Landmarks Commission to be on May 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the city manager’s conference room.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshal, Christ, Haselow, Popke, Bergants, 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 citizens’ comments.

Reports

1. Historically Significant Personal Property criteria (Christ and Birkeland)
Scott reported that she and Christ met and developed a three part list to help the commission decide which items need further research.
2. Friends of the Mounds (Helmick)
Mound Sites Preservation and Maintenance Conference in Muscodia, WI on April 12, 2014. The conference will be chaired by Kurt Sampson, Director of the Dodge County Historical Museum and the on-site interpreter at Aztalan State Park. The conference will be held in the Muscodia Town Hall starting at 9:00 AM. For more information, email Kurt Sampson at ksampson2@wi.rr.com.
3. Historical Society (Marshall)
No report.
4. Birge Fountain (Kienbaum and Christ)
The committee is planning to paint the upper and lower catch basins this fall as well as soda blast the cherubs. It will also consider the possibility of planting a heritage garden around or near the fountain.
5. Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve and Maintenance (Helmick)
No report.

Unfinished Business

1. Consideration of FOTEM brochure (Helmick)
The brochure was presented at last month's meeting. No additions had been made. Copies were placed in the informational kiosk on the second floor of city hall as well as the Mysteries of the Mounds exhibit at the Hoard Historical Museum. Luckett will place the brochure on the city web site.
2. Display at Library for Historical/Archeological month (Helmick)
Christ called the library to ensure the commission has reserved the large, display window. Helmick and Christ will organize a pictorial presentation of local effigy mound sites.
3. National Park Service Annual Products Report (Christ)
Christ completed the report. Kienbaum has been referenced as the new, city contact. This was the first year that the report can be completed on line.

New Business

1. Consideration of Armory for Landmark status
The material is still being compiled. Luckett remarked that the third floor is worth noting.
2. Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions Spring Conf. – April 26, Waupaca
No one from the commission will be in attendance.
3. Plaques for local landmarks
Popke reported that so far there are no students who are to do this. She will contact the ceramics professors to see if they will recommend this to the students at the beginning of the semester next fall. Discussion ensued.
4. Proclamations for Wisconsin Historical and Archeological Months at city council meeting – May 6
Christ and Kienbaum will accept the city proclamation on behalf of the commission.

Future Agenda Items

1. Guidelines for Historically Significant Property as developed by the Whitewater Historical Society.
2. Consideration of the Starin Park water tower and the fountain at the depot for landmarks.

Good of the Order

On the eve of her last meeting as a commissioner, the Lanmarks Commission thanked Carol Christ for her many years of dedicated service.

Adjournment

MSC Marshal/Haselow to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshal, Christ, Haselow, Popke, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Richard Helmick, Secretary