

# MINUTES OF THE WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, January 5, 2017 – 6:00 PM  
Municipal Building, City Manager's Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

## Call to Order

**Call to Order and roll call** – Meeting called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Chairperson Blackmer. Members Present: Blackmer, Oberle, Helmick, Kienbaum, Richardson, Haselow, Singer. Members Absent: None. Others Present: Chuck Nass, Michele Smith, Karen Coburn.

- **Approval of Agenda.** M/S Helmick/Richardson to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Approval of Minutes** – December 1, 2016 and December 7, 2016 M/S Richardson/Oberle to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Set date and time of next meeting** – Thursday, February 2, 2017- 6:00 PM
- **Hear Citizen Comments:** None.

## Reports

- **Birge Fountain Report.** Birge Fountain Committee held shortly before Landmarks meeting. Birge Fountain Committee agreed to hire conservator, to be paid for ½ by segregated Birge funds and ½ by city-managed Birge funds. Kori Oberle will research conservator information and small subcommittee will meet to finalize.
- **Report on Whitewater Historic Homes Photo Project** (Richardson) – Long, ongoing project still underway.
- **Meetings of the Burial Preservation Acts Committee.** Helmick/Oberle attended meeting in Madison. Further information will be coming.
- **Walton Oaks, 227 S. Boone Court and Moksnes House Nominations as Local Landmarks .** Next month further information regarding the Walton Oaks and Moksnes house nominations will be coming. 227 Boone will take longer, and may or may not be interested. Karen Coburn presented a packet of information from the Urban Forestry Commission to assist with the nomination of Walton Oaks as a local Landmark.
- **Brickyard Park (Brickyard Historic Area) as a Local Landmark** (Kienbaum). Kienbaum will meet with City Clerk.
- **Effigy Mounds Preserve Report** (Oberle/Helmick). No report. A Friends of the Mounds meeting is needed.
- **Report on Budget availability for purchase of inventory tags** (Singer). As previously mentioned, Landmarks has \$1000 available via city budget.
- **Report on Proposal for Councilpersons to become automatic committee/commission chairs.** Singer stated that no action was taken on this proposal at the Council level, and that Landmarks was not intended to be included in this proposal.
- **Library Board meeting of December 19, 2016 regarding proposed library expansion project** (Oberle/Blackmer). Oberle and Blackmer presented information regarding the Landmarks status of properties and the procedure for dealing with Landmarks properties before the Library Board at their meeting. Details regarding the status of the developer's project are unknown at this time. Blackmer and Oberle obtained permission from Library Board to speak with Mercy Health Systems.
- **Inventory tags for city owned historical property.** Haselow will finalize and bring forth order to be submitted via the City Manager.

## Unfinished Business

- **Mounds Preserve signage project update** (Oberle/Kienbaum) Plaques are here and stored by the City. Awaiting good weather, grant award, survey and boulder placement.
- **Haselow's Project regarding Local Landmarks** introduced to public, report on venue, date, etc. Haselow spoke with Library regarding combining of projects. Haselow will continue organizing the project and keep the Board informed.

### New Business

- **Birge Fountain protection/preservation.** Commission pleased to proceed with contacting a conservator and looking at immediate as well as future needs of the fountain.
- **White Memorial Building change in awnings update.** No further word on whether the Whitewater Arts Alliance desires to come forth with a new proposal or amendment.
- **Public education regarding Local Landmark status and designation of Local Landmark status for neighborhoods.** Obtaining Landmarks photo on a disk would be helpful.
- **Revision of City Landmarks Ordinance regarding decertification/demolition ordinance.** Project has not yet begun.
- **Approval of thank you letter to Local Landmark owners.** Pat Blackmer in charge of this project.

### Future Agenda Items – None requested.

Adjournment. Moved by Blackmer and seconded by Richardson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, Secretary