



Landmarks Commission

Minutes

September 5, 2019 – 6:00 PM

City Manager's Conference Room 312

Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

- Call to Order and roll call
President Blackmer called the meeting to order at 6:00. Matt Schulgit was welcomed as a new member of the Commission.
Present: Patricia Blackmer, Suzanne Haselow, Dan Richardson, Matt Schulgit, Richard Helmick
Absent: Ken Kienbaum
Staff present: Chris Munz-Pritchard
Others: Rick Lien, Lettie Troutman
- Approval of Agenda
Richardson/Haselow MSC to move New Business, Rick Lien, before Reports.
MSC Schulgit/Haselow to approve the agenda as posted; moving the order of one item.
Ayes: Blackmer, Haselow, Richardson, Schulgit, Helmick
Nays: None
Abstain: None
- Approval of the Minutes of August 1, 2019
MSC Haselow/Schulgit to approve the minutes of August 1, 2019 as presented.
Ayes: Blackmer, Haselow, Richardson, Schulgit, Helmick
Nays: None
Abstain: None

- Set date of next meeting – October 3, 2019
The next meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission will be held October 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the City Manager’s Conference Room, 2nd floor, City Hall.

- 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.

- Rick Lien presented the history of the Water Department building at the corner of Starin Rd and Fremont St.
MSC Helmick/Schulgit to do the research on the building for possible consideration for Landmark status.
Ayes: Blackmer, Haselow, Richardson, Schulgit, Helmick
Nays: None
Abstain: None

- Reports
 - Effigy Mounds Preserve (Helmick/Blackmer)
No report.
 - Birge Fountain Committee (Blackmer)
Blackmer has questioned why there are on-going problems with the operation of the pumps. She has not received any word from the Birge Fountain Committee’s Chair.
 - Report on the progress of signage for corner of Jefferson and Starin Rd. (Kienbaum/Munz-Pritchard)
Work is in process.

- Unfinished Business
 - Brochure reprint update (Richardson)
The brochures have been disseminated at the city library, Hamilton House B&B, Victoria on Main, UWW Alumni Center, and The Chamber of Commerce.
 - Weinberg Family Sign
Work is still in process.
 - Turbine parts (signage)
Work is still in process.
 - Request for installation of security system for the George Esterly House/Delta Zeta Sorority (pending)
Work is still pending.
 - Display table at the WSH Preservation Conference, October 2019
Approval for the table is expected.
 - Budgetary Recommendations

Munz-Pritchard has discussed a line item in her budget for Landmarks with the city's budgetary committee. She will need more information in order to attach items to her budget.

- 910 East Main Street

Blackmer recommends that this house would not meet standards for Landmark status.

- Historic Main Street District banner update

Historic banners between Franklin and Prairie have been replaced with Welcome Students. Blackmer hopes that the Historical banners will be replaced early in 2020. Discussion ensued. Blackmer will contact the city to see if reconsideration of this action is possible. A compromise solution would be to replace every other banner.

- Territorial Oak (SCO map) (Munz-Pritchard)

Munz-Pritchard has arranged for the Territorial Oak, as well as its history, to be available through Google maps on any digital device.

- New Business

- Rick Lien (City Water Works Building)

See above.

- War Monument (Main Street)

The eagle on the monument was "yarn bombed." It is not known if the city actually owns the monument. It is in need of some maintenance. Richardson will check with the Historical Society to see who does own the monument.

- Reservations for the WSH Preservation Conference

Anyone wanting reservations should talk to CMP.

Future Agenda Items

- Walworth Hotel Façade

- War memorial

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Blackmer at 7:12.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Helmick, secretary