

AGENDA

Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday November 1, 2012 - 6 PM
Community Room - 1st Floor
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
- III. Approval of minutes of October 4, 2012
- IV. Set date and time of next meeting - Thursday, December 6, 2012 - 6:00 P.M
- 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.

REPORTS

- VI. Report from the Friends of the Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)
 - A. Article in Watertown Daily Times, Oct 13 2012
 - B. September-October FOTEM newsletter
- VII. Update on restoration of Whitewater Passenger Depot (Marshall)
- VIII. Update on Walking Tour Brochure (Wendt)
- IX. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)
- X. Update on Local Landmarks/Main Street Historic District Brochures (Loomer, Marshall & Christ)
- XI. Update on Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Preservation and Maintenance Plan (Helmick)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- XII. Status of FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Library (Loomer)
- XIII. Implementing 17.08.040 of Title 17 re city-owned historically significant personal property.
- XIV. Corrections to Architectural and Historical Survey of Whitewater, WI 53190 (Marshall)
- XV. Status on plan review documents (Haselow)

NEW BUSINESS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XVI. Future designations of city-owned properties as local landmarks
- XVII. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

ADJOURNMENT

- XVIII. Call to Adjourn



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WHITewater EFFIGY MOUNDS PRESERVE
288 S. Indian Mound Parkway

Whitewater Effigy Mounds featured in Watertown Daily Times, October 13, 2012

FOTEM members Mariann Scott and Richard Helmick toured the site on Tuesday, October 9th with reporter, Steve Sharp. They gave a brief history of the mounds and talked about recent efforts to restore the preserve, including the name change from a park to a preserve. Matt Amundson, city parks and recreation director was also interviewed and he talked about the plan to convert the mounds from turf grass to native prairie plants, thus avoiding mowing over the mounds. The extensive article also includes an interview with Ho-Chunk public relations officer, Collin Price. All three emphasized the uniqueness of this site and that it takes commitment from community members, the neighbors, native Americans, the city, Landmark Commission and the Friends of the Mounds to preserve and maintain it.

The entire article can be found at :

http://www.wdtimes.com/news/local/article_976521c8-14d0-11e2-9218-0019bb2963f4.html

Editor's note: As tours and work at the mounds wind down for the season, upcoming newsletters will be devoted to the history of the mounds as well as pictures of the site during the fall and winter months. What follows is the first newspaper account of the mounds.

Whitewater Register, September 30, 1920

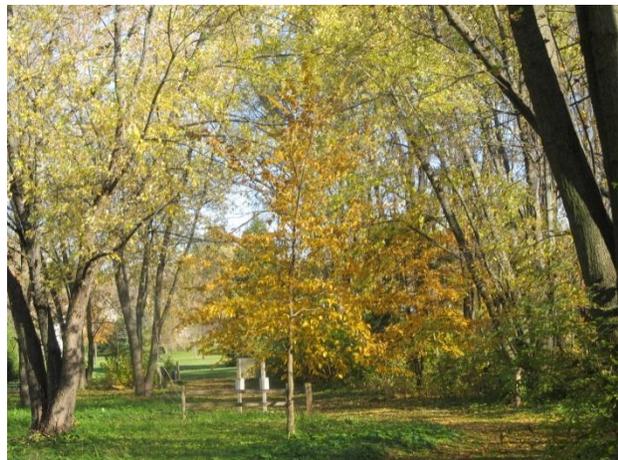
Charles E. Brown, Chief of the Museum Division of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin was in the city Tuesday. It was a visit long promised and Mr. Brown confessed that he was skeptical about the existence of any Indian Mounds in this vicinity located two miles from Whitewater. He was taken out to the Ralph Tratt farm where a beautiful group lies, uncharted in any of the Archeological records. Mr. Brown was most enthusiastic over them. To his practical eye the various animal types found there were easily distinguished. He pointed out 2 of the panther type, one turtle, one mink and two birds to say nothing of round or burial mounds and several of the oval variety. One bird mound particularly interested him as being unusual since the wings instead of being outspread trailed beside and behind the body as they do when a bird is in repose. He had seen such before but rarely.

None of the mounds were of extraordinary length but several were unusually high. Most of them had been dug into but he thought it doubtful if any but the burial mounds has disclosed anything in the way of utensils.

According to Mr. Brown it is a commonly accepted theory among archeologists that the thousands of mounds in this state were built by the Winnebago Indians and not by a race of mound builders we learned about in school. The site of the mounds was generally the site of a village and the mounds were built by various clans in the village who looked upon some particular animal, bird, or fish as their guardian spirit. Mr. Brown wondered if the people of Whitewater appreciated their good fortune in having so well preserved a group so near the city and in so beautiful a spot. He was told that our people did not, that probably not one in a hundred had ever seen them and had been waiting for an expert such as he to call their attention to the valuable community asset.

Measurements were made of the mounds and they were oriented on a map which we propose to publish later in this paper.

Fall at WEMP



Photos were taken on Sunday, October 21st.

CITY OF WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Plan review

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

DATE ISSUED:

In accordance with Chapter 17 of the City of Whitewater Municipal Code, the Landmarks Commission has approved for the work listed above. The work was found to be consistent with preservation guidelines. The following conditions apply:

All work must be done in a craftsman-like manner, and must be completed within one year of the date this certificate is issued. Landmarks Commission must approve any changes or additions to this certificate before work begins. Work that is not completed in accordance with this certificate may be subject to correction orders or citations.

If building permits are required, you are responsible for obtaining them from the Neighborhood Services Office, 312 W. Whitewater Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin

Chairperson, Whitewater Landmarks Commission

APPLICATION FOR LANDMARKS COMMISSION APPROVAL

Chapter 17 of the City of Whitewater Municipal Code requires Landmarks Commission approval prior to any act of alteration or demolition of any property designated as a Landmark in the City. These requirements apply to exterior portions of a structure or building. All applications go before the Landmarks Commission for approval.

PETITIONER INFORMATION:

Name _____ Phone _____
Address: _____
Location of Landmark Property: _____
Historic Name / Information / Background of property (if applicable): _____

Local Register Date: _____ National Register Date: _____
Current Use of Property: _____
Detailed description of work to be completed: _____

Description of how this work will meet the goals and standards of preservation: _____

The applicant shall submit 10 copies of the following information:

1. A complete description of the proposed work with drawings and dimensions.
2. Photographs showing all elevations of property.
3. Photocopy of historical photograph(s) showing the exterior of the property, or other documentation of the building's original appearance.
4. Any applicable background information on the history/status of the affected structure.

The Commission may require additional information. Please check with the Neighborhood Services Director staff prior to completing the application to review rehabilitation guidelines.

Proposed product samples (i.e. roofing material, siding, windows, paint colors, brackets, balusters, product information, etc.) are not required, but would greatly assist the Commission when considering an application.

The applicant hereby acknowledges and understands the following requirements:

1. No Application will be presented to the Landmarks Commission for review until the applicant has submitted all requested information to the Neighborhood Services staff.
2. If the owner(s) of record do not intend to appear in person before the Landmarks Commission, the owner(s) must submit a letter to the Neighborhood Services staff authorizing an agent to apply for the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed rehabilitation prior to the public meeting scheduled to consider said application.
3. The applicant is hereby advised and agrees that no work affecting the exterior of the structure and requiring a city permit may proceed until the Landmarks Commission has approved said work.
4. Applications shall be reviewed using the Secretary of Interior's Standards. The four treatment approaches are Preservation, Rehabilitation, Restoration, and Reconstruction, outlined below in hierarchical order. (Further information can be found at the link following each standard)

Preservation, places a high premium on the retention of all historic fabric through conservation, maintenance and repair. It reflects a building's continuum over time, through successive occupancies, and the respectful changes and alterations that are made.

http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/preserve/preserve_index.htm

Rehabilitation, the second treatment, emphasizes the retention and repair of historic materials, but more latitude is provided for replacement because it is assumed the property is more deteriorated prior to work. (Both Preservation and Rehabilitation standards focus attention on the preservation of those materials, features, finishes, spaces, and spatial relationships that, together, give a property its historic character.)

http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/rehab/rehab_index.htm

Restoration, the third treatment, focuses on the retention of materials from the most significant time in a property's history, while permitting the removal of materials from other periods.

http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/restore/restore_index.htm

Reconstruction, the fourth treatment, establishes limited opportunities to re-create a non-surviving site, landscape, building, structure, or object in all new materials.

http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/reconstruct/reconstruct_index.htm

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings are intended to provide guidance to historic building owners and building managers, preservation consultants, architects, contractors, and project reviewers prior to treatment. As noted, while the treatment Standards are designed to be applied to all historic resource types included in the National Register of Historic Places--buildings, sites, structures, districts, and objects--the Guidelines apply to specific resource types; in this case, buildings.

The Standards, revised in 1992, were codified as 36 CFR Part 68 in the July 12, 1995 Federal Register (Vol. 60, No. 133). The revision replaces the 1978 and 1983 versions of 36 CFR 68 entitled *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects*.

5. Landmarks Commission approval does not relieve the applicant from applying for and receiving all appropriate City permits. The applicant must contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 312 W. Whitewater Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin, to apply for all necessary permits prior to beginning any work at 262-473-0540.
6. If the Landmarks Commission denies the Applicant, the applicant may file a written appeal to the Common Council within 30 calendar days of notification of denial. Appeals should be directed to the City Clerk.
7. In the event work has been completed without the required approval the applicant and persons performing such work may be charged pursuant to Chapter 17 of the City of Whitewater Municipal Code.

(Applicant or Authorized Representative)

Date: _____