

# AGENDA

Whitewater Landmarks Commission  
Thursday February 7, 2013 - 6 PM  
City Manager's Conference Room  
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

## CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call - Welcome new city council representative
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
- III. Approval of minutes of December 6, 2012.
- IV. Set date and time of next meeting - Thursday, March 7, 2013 - 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)  
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. Local Landmarks Framed Certificates
- XVI. National Park Service Annual Products Report for CLG's

## NEW BUSINESS

- XVII. Use of Chromebooks for Landmarks meetings
- XVIII. Wisconsin Historic Preservation and Archeology Month - May
- XIX. Drumlin Hall - possible historic preservation
- XX. Landmarks Commission Annual Preservation Activities Report for state of Wisconsin

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

## ADJOURNMENT

- XXIII. Call to Adjourn

## Minutes

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### CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call  
Carol Christ called the meeting to order at 6:04. PM  
Present: Carol Christ, Linda Loomer, Suzanne Haeslow, Allan Marshall, Richard Helmick  
Absent: Common Council representative, Nancy Wendt  
Staff present: Latisha Birkeland
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement  
MSC (Marshall/Loomer) to approve the agenda with the following correction: Change date - Approval of minutes of October 4 and November 6, 2012 to October 4 and November 1, 2012.  
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick  
No: None  
Abstain: None
- III. Approval of minutes of October 4 and November 1, 2012  
MSC (Haeslow/Marshall ) to approve the minutes with the following correction to November 1 – XVI  
“The term “craftsman-like” was researched by talking to 14 other professionals in the field of construction. Two terms were suggested: “professional quality” and “artesian quality.” Latisha said that this correction would be easy to make”.  
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick  
No: None  
Abstain: None
- IV. Set date and time of next meeting - Thursday, January 3, 2013 - 6:00 P.M  
MSC (Marshall/Helmick) to cancel the January 3, 2013 meeting and hold the next meeting on February 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM.  
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick  
No: None  
Abstain: None
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There were no citizen comments.

(At this time, Dr. Susan Popke arrived.)

MSC (Christ/Haeslow) to amend the agenda to take XVIII at this point in order to allow Dr. Popke to discuss her concerns.

Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick

No: None

Abstain: None

Request for information on Nelson Salisbury House 404 W. North.

Dr. Popke was interested in learning about the status of the property, if there were any grants or low cost loans available for reconstruction, and what would the Landmarks Commission allow. Tincture Realty has already shown her the property. Dr. Popke and her husband have been considering turning the property into a community facility, possibly a drug and alcohol clinic. Previously, Christ had sent to Dr. Popke information on federal grants for remodeling/reconstruction. Marshall suggested Dr. Popke contact the city's CDA for advice. Birkeland reviewed permitted uses and application procedures under the city's

zoning ordinances. Christ stated that the Landmarks Commission had authority over repairs and reconstruction made only on the building's exterior, not on its interior.

## **REPORTS**

- VI. Report from the Friends of the Mounds – FOTEM (Helmick)
  - 1. Tour of effigy mounds at Gorman Nature Preserve. It was noted that reconstruction of damaged mounds was approved by the State Historical Society.
  - 2. Correction of city web site listings of landmarks. The city's Chief Information Officer, Tim Nobling, was contacted to change the name from Effigy Mound Park to Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve.
- VII. Update on restoration of Whitewater Passenger Depot (Marshall)  
Everything is completed except the cresting on the top of the roof. The cresting is the original, architectural detail that ran along the top of the roof. Isthmus Architect has submitted the project for a National Recognition award. April 28, 2013 is the proposed, grand opening.
- VIII. Update on Walking Tour Brochure (Wendt)  
No report.
- IX. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)  
There will not be any soda blasting as previously stated. A hot water, power wash with muriatic acid has been done. Dr. Nosek paid for this process out of his own pocket. This should be done every year in order to maintain the statue and cherubs.
- X. Update on Local Landmarks/Main Street Historic District Brochures (Loomer, Marshall & Christ)  
Christ and Loomer are editing all of the wordage formally printed about the landmarks. A new map locating the landmarks has been proposed.
- XI. Update on Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Preservation and Maintenance Plan (Helmick)  
No report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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No report
- XIII. Implementing 17.08.040 of Title 17 re city-owned historically significant personal property.  
No report.
- XIV. Corrections to Architectural and Historical Survey of Whitewater, WI 53190 (Marshall)  
No report.
- XV. Status on plan review documents (Loomer was excused at this point.)  
The new form was presented. MSC (Haeslow/Marshall) to accept the form as presented.  
Ayes: Christ, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick  
No: None  
Abstain: None
- XVI. Portman House status - 302 South Prince  
The property owner is still doing research on the property.
- XVII. National Park Service Annual Products Report and Baseline Questionnaire for CLG's  
The questionnaire was begun. The National Park Service has been queried on a number of points. It has not responded.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- XVIII. See above.
- XIX. City council representative for Landmarks  
The soon to be appointed member will be the representative of the council on the Landmarks Commission.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Christ distributed a handout entitled "The Good of the Order." Discussion ensued on the definition and process

contained therein. Christ intends to add this step to all of the Landmarks Commission's agendas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

XXII. Call to Adjourn  
MSC (Marshall/Helmick ) to adjourn the meeting.  
Ayes: Christ, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick

No: None

Abstain: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

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# 1960s buildings renovated at UW-Whitewater

By [STAN MILAM](#) ( [Contact](#) ) Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, [Janesville Gazette](#)



Photo by [Bill Olmsted](#)

Work continues on Wellers Hall, above, and Drumlin Hall, below, on the UW-Whitewater campus. Work on Wellers is expected to wrap up next May when it will return to duty as a residence hall. Drumlin, a dining hall, will again serve food starting in next year's spring semester.

WHITEWATER — **What it is:** Buildings constructed during the 1960s building boom on the UW-Whitewater campus are starting to show their age. Major renovation projects are underway on two of the buildings—Wellers Hall and Drumlin Hall. Wellers is a residence hall while Drumlin is a dining facility.

"Wellers is undergoing a complete renovation," said Frank Bartlett, the UW-Whitewater director of residence life. "It has completed a 50-year life cycle and it's ready for just about all the mechanicals."

The hall will continue to be used for student housing.

Drumlin has been a dining hall since it was built in the '60s.

"We pretty much gutted the building to replace all the mechanicals," said Tom Pellizzi, assistant director of dining services and retail operations at UW-Whitewater.

The concrete building has a bomb shelter appearance and is structurally sound, Pellizzi said.

"On the west end of the building we had to knock a hole in the wall to get the new air handling system in, but that was not a problem," he said. "The changes will be on the inside."

**Drumlin could be the last remaining example of a 1960s campus dining hall and is headed for historic preservation status, Pellizzi said.**

Students won't recognize the changes inside.

"We are changing the inside from a food court to an 'all you care to eat' facility," Pellizzi said.

"By that we mean students will swipe their card just once, and then be able to go to various stations for more. It's like an all you can eat, but we call it all you care to eat."

**What's the progress?** Both projects started in the summer. Wellers is scheduled for completion next May. Drumlin is schedule to begin serving food again during next year's spring semester.

**Cost:** The Drumlin project is a \$7 million renovation. Wellers Hall is part of a two-building project with Fischer Hall, another student dorm. Fischer was completed in time for the 2012 fall semester. Both projects cost \$12.5 million, but because they were bid as a single project, the cost for each building cannot be broken out.