

Memorandum of Information

Whitewater City Armory

Landmark Nomination

January 30, 2015

This memorandum has been prepared to help facilitate City Council discussions on the Whitewater City Armory's recent nomination for Landmark status.

- I. Nomination intent: The city council, through Chapter 17.04, created and empowered the Landmarks Commission to
 - (1) Effect the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of such improvements and city-owned historically significant personal property and of districts which represent or reflect elements of the city's cultural, social, economic, political, architectural, archeological and geological history;
 - (2) Safeguard the city's historic and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such landmarks, city-owned historically significant personal property and historic districts.
- II. The City Armory has a long and significant association with the majority of Whitewater's civic, social, and school organizations. This association continues to this day. (Please see attached.) As such it meets two of the three categories for Landmark status, i.e., historical and cultural significance. (A nomination may qualify by satisfying just one category.)
- III. The conference of Landmark status focuses exclusively on the outside façade of the building. Moreover, per ordinance, certain modifications to the exterior, such as ramps or walks needed to meet ADA compliance standards, can be made without additional approvals from the Landmarks Commission.

17.04.040

Nothing contained in this title shall prohibit the construction, reconstruction, alteration or demolition of any improvement on a landmark site or in an historic district pursuant to order of any governmental agency or pursuant to any court judgment to remedy conditions determined to be dangerous to life, health or property. In such case, no approval from the Commission shall be required.

Notes from city council meetings. Organizations using the armory are highlighted.

V8-113	1940	Construction of Armory building
V8-115	1940	Raising money for site to build Armory
V8-120	1940	Bonds adopted (576) for Armory
V8-122	1940	Authorization of property to be used
V8-129	1940	Henry Hengel hired as Architect
V8-129	1940	Committee members: L. Pescheret, BJ Flood, A. Dierfeld, and R. Coburn
V8-146	1940	Issuing the Bonds
V8-147	1940	\$30,000.00 for building of new armory
V8-147	1940	Approval of Armory Building Bond
V8-154	1940	Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee's highest bidder for Bonds @ \$33,100.
V8-158	1940	Building Bonds
V8-172	1941	American Legion permitted to occupy a room in armory
V8-173	1941	Installation of heating and ventilation
V8-181	1941	Electric wiring done by City, under Board of Public Works' supervision
V8-190	1941	\$2,000 fire insurance and \$5,000 tornado insurance
V8-205	1941	Lease with Trustees of Co. 7, 107; Quarter Masters Regiment, Wi. Nat'l Guard for 30 years
V8-216	1942	Lease Armory for 3 months for roller skating
V8-214	1942	Officially opened for public use
V8-214	1942	Officially open for Nat'l Guard and Municipal use
V8-306	1944	Repair
V9-18	1949	Lease WI National Guard Whitewater Armory - \$2,000
V9-77	1949	Bd. Of Public Works to dispose of blankets at Armory
V9-208	1951	Increase rental \$3,000 per year
V9-329	1953	Rental-State Adjutant General Department
V9-473	1954	American Legion Agreement for Legion Rooms at Armory
V9-497	1955	Voting held there - April 5th
V10-54	1955	Boy Scouts granted permission use of room
V10-72	1956	Fan to be installed
V10-76	1956	Jaycees granted free use/streets
V10-78	1956	Kiwanis Club - free use
V10-91	1956	Free Rental-Chamber of Commerce for Grange Convention
V10-100	1956	Grange convention held elsewhere
V10-123	1956	Free use granted to the Girl Scouts
V10-124	1956	Roller skating petition- Youth Committee
V10-125	1956	Two lots to the rear used for parking lots
V10-131	1956	Parking lot-\$600 per lot
V10-150	1957	Boy Scouts granted permission to use Armory Building
V10-155	1956	Free use by Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and Lions Club
V10-301	1959	Girl Scouts use one night

V10-320	1959	Basement-Civil Defense Hospital
V10-334	1959	No armory rental fee - post prom party
V10-350	1959	Heating
V10-372	1959	Free rent to the Rhythm Rascals
V10-373	1960	New Year's Eve Dance
V10-378	1960	Free rental-benefit
V10-455	1961	Permission for use - roller skating
V10-458	1961	Drill floor-request use for roller skating \$25 per day fee
V10-483	1961	Repair north wall
V11-17	1962	Lease of National Guard renewed
V11-18	1962	Girl Scouts - rent free
V11-21	1962	Basement - fall out shelter
V11-22	1962	Armory basement used as a fall out shelter
V11-28	1962	Use of floor discussed
V11-29	1962	Sanding Floor
V11-57	1963	Girl Scouts - rental free of charge - Drill floor
V11-65	1963	Use by Boy Scouts - permitted
V11-73	1963	Rent - serve beer at wedding dance
V11-101	1963	Rental fees for community building \$20.00 armory drill floor \$20.00
V11-130	1964	Drill floor - teenage dances monthly
V11-134	1964	Drill floor - use by Boy Scouts
V11-137	1964	Rent free of charge - Girl Scouts
V11-208	1965	Request use - Girl Scouts free of charge
V11-297	1965	Chamber of Commerce request free use of drill floor
V11-343	1966	Free use - Girl Scouts - February 16; Boy Scouts - February 22nd
V11-364	1966	4-H Club requested free use of the community room
V11-457	1966	Free use - request of Girl Scouts
V11-467	1967	Letter of appreciation - baskets purchased for the Armory
V11-467	1967	Free use of the Armory
V11-467	1967	Free use - Boy Scouts 5 nights a month
V11-468	1967	Free use - Cub Scouts. G. Lee
V11-474	1967	Free use of lobby - Rainbow Girls
V11-479	1967	Free use - Walworth County Homemakers
V11-483	1967	Free use Chamber of Commerce
V11-492	1967	Free use granted to the Girl Scouts
V11-495	1967	Renewal of agreement with the American Legion-use of Legion room in Armory
V12-1	1967	Lease Basis - ROTC Unit
V12-12	1967	Request use of store room-Antique Dealers Association
V12-16	1967	Request use of rifle range and building-National Rifle Assoc.
V12-23	1967	Free use of community room - Vocational Board
V12-41	1968	Request by Girl Scouts - use of drill floor; request by 4-H Club - use of community room

V12-114	1968	Free use of armory drill floor - W. McHenry's request - Junior Drum and Bugle Corp.
V12-151	1969	Free use of drill floor; Father-Daughter Dance for the Girl Scouts
V12-151	1969	Free use of Community Room - requested by the Whitewater 4-H Club
V12-158	1969	Used for the "Youth Center" - House adjacent
V12-159	1969	Free use requested by Whitewater-LaGrance 4-H
V12-177	1969	Rental of drill floor in armory; request of Motor Vehicle Dept.
V12-244	1969	Comprehensive glass proposal - breakage of windows
V12-247	1970	Free use by Girl Scouts
V12-261	1970	Free use - request of the Whitewater Jaycees
V12-277	1970	Request free use by St. John's Lodge, No 57, F & AM
V12-280	1970	Free use of armory; requested by Assembly of God Church - drug program
V12-316	1970	Rental of drill floor - Catholic Student Assoc. of WSU-W
V12-331	1970	Use by ROTC from WSU-Whitewater
V12-334	1970	Rental fees
V12-369	1970	Request free use by Girl Scout Troop #262
V12-375	1971	Free use requested by Whitewater Jaycetts and the Assembly #4 of Rainbow Girls
V12-423	1971	Injury at Armory - D. A. Faulk
V12-436	1971	National Guard Rental Agreement
V12-438	1971	National Guard Lease - expiration
V12-440	1971	Reduced rental rate of drill floor - AWANA
V12-473	1971	Contract with National Guard - rental
V12-479	1971	Lease with National Guard
V12-483	1972	National Guard with the suggested changes in the Lease
V12-485	1972	Request use by Assembly of God Church
V12-487	1972	Senior Girl Scout Troop requested use
V12-490	1972	Whitewater 4-H Club request free use of community room
V13-1	1972	Lease; rental \$500 to \$3,500 per year to National Guard
V13-5	1972	Request of Whitewater Jaycees for Lease - Community room
V13-11	1972	Lease the Community Room - Whitewater Jaycees
V13-110	1972	Resolution adopted - no beer (does not affect Guard or Jayees parties)
V13-23	1972	Notice for injuries filed by W. Murray - fall at Armory
V13-147	1973	Girl Scouts square dance free
V13-156	1973	Open house to be held at Armory by National Guard
V13-159	1973	Whitewater 4-H Club square dance group allowed to use Armory
V13-176	1973	Girl Scouts allowed use of Armory for spaghetti dinner
V13-263	1973	Use of armory firing range (permission granted last in 1971) discussion with Military Science Program
V13-263	1973	Free use of armory - Red Cross for 10/21/1973 for flea market
V13-263	1973	Free use of armory granted County Health Nurse for immunization clinics
V13-277	1973	ROTC granted free use of rifle range in exchange for free community training
V13-277	1973	Rental fees for 1974 - Drill Floor-\$40; Kitchen-\$20; Comm. Room-\$15

V13-286	1973	National Guard Lease authorized
V13-298	1974	Free use of drill floor and kitchen to Cub Scouts Pack 144 for 2/10/1974
V13-319	1974	Free use to 4-H Club for Kitchen
V13-383	1974	Jaycees granted waiver of rental fees of mntnc & utility costs-bingo night
V13-391	1974	Fee waived for Red Cross Flea market for continuation of Bloodmobile service
V13-396	1974	Free use to WW Jaycettes for 10/11/1974 cystic fibrosis fun fair
V13-411	1974	Free use to WW Baptist Church for church dinner if church not completed
V13-443	1975	Free use to Girl Scouts on 4/26/1975
V13-443	1975	Free use to Midnite Royals Drum/Bugle Corp
V13-443	1975	National Guard Lease Agreement increased \$150.00 July 1-Dec 31, 1975
V13-447	1975	Free use of Armory Kitchen to 4-H Club 3/4, 3/10, 3/17 and 4/8 1975
V13-447	1975	Free use to Midnite Royals Drum/Bugle Corp
V13-461	1975	Free use to Rotary Club for 4/27/1975
V13-461	1975	Blanket free use discussed. Will continue to consider each request as presented
V14-1	1975	Free use to Red Cross - kitchen and drill floor for 10/25/1975 flea market
V14-8	1975	Free use to Unified Schools for basketball practice with stipulations
V14-8	1975	Free use to WW Jaycettes for 12/20/1975 for Santa event
V14-11	1975	Free use to Junior Women's Club for Christmas Fair
V14-15	1975	Rental fees increased: \$50 per day; service clubs \$25; negotiating w/ National Guard
V14-22	1975	Lease with Jaycees approved for 1976 with rental increased from \$10 to \$30 per month
V14-33	1976	National Guard - new lease; new fee of \$5,000 per year
V14-41	1976	Purchase of chairs approved by Council
V14-110	1976	1977 Lease for National Guard-City Mgr & Clerk authorized to sign; possible increase in 1978
V14-123	1977	Whitewater Jaycees Lease renewed at \$30 per month (1976 rate)
V14-191	1977	Executed Lease with National Guard for 1978; rent increase of \$500
V14-244	1978	Direction from Council requested regarding National Guard Lease which expires 12/31/1978
V14-248	1978	Estimate of \$18,000 for remodeling part of armory for temporary senior citizen use
V14-255	1978	Discussed alternatives with Guard to accommodate temporary senior citizen use
V14-274	1979	Guard agreed to proposed Lease changes - City still responsible for janitorial services in secure areas
V14-280	1979	Architect (Charles Haeuser) retained to remodel lower level into Community Center
V14-298	1979	Motion lost for City Mgr to advertise for bids for development of vacant area in armory
V14-320	1979	Extensive boiler repairs necessary; Council authorized new cast iron boiler for \$14,600 by Vorpapel Service
V14-332	1979	Guard requested garage area currently used by City be negotiated into new Lease
V14-345	1980	New hot water heater authorized - \$2,287 by Vorpapel Service
V14-369	1980	Guard Lease with additional garage space - \$7,000

V14-378	1980	Use approved for Unified School District-girls' volleyball Mon and Wed afternoons
V14-384	1980	Change in rental fees- Drill floor-\$75/day; Kitchen-\$25/day; Comm Room-\$20/day; Overnight fee-\$25/event
V14-452	1980	Guard Lease for 1981 - \$7,280/year
V15-95	1982	Quotes (bids) taken for steam trap inspection and potential heating zones
V15-97	1982	Repairs/inspection removed from agenda-only 1 bid received; re-bid at later date
V15-105	1982	Vorpagel bid of \$1,184 received on repairs - this bid approved
V15-16-171	1984	Emergency repair on heating system; cost \$1,165 - Vorpagel
V18-113	1985	Ramp at Armory built 10/28/1985; railings installed 1/13/86 <i>(This item was noted on Armory Cards held by City of WW on 4/1988; no V# on entry; used previous V18-113 number)</i>
V17-111	1986	Heating update by Vorpagel - econostat on boiler
V17-121	1986	Guard Lease approved for 3% increase
V17-194	1986	Gym floor resealed for \$4,097 by Bob Schmidt of Custom Floors
V17-313	1987	City authorized to convey property by deed in business park to Nat'l Guard
V17-313	1987	Resolution made for donation of land to WI Nat'l Guard, cross-reference-see Armory card
V17-313	1987	Purchase insulation for heating pipes for \$1,270-work done by City employees
V17-328	1987	National Guard Lease for \$9,000 for 1/1/87 to 6/30/88 (\$300 increase)
V18-21	1987	Gym floor resealed and cleaned for \$1,440
V18-113	1988	Food pantry requested use of Armory
V8-117	1988	Food Pantry to use Armory coat room for non-perishable storage
V18-150	1988	Accessibility for handicapped
V18-159	1988	D. Kachel donated cement for ramp at council chambers
V18-165	1988	Cost estimates for handicap accessibility
V18-183	1988	Heating bill from Vorpagel approved - \$1,139.58
V18-201	1989	Authorized a 1989 lease to Guard; rent of \$9,500/year through 12/31/1990