

# WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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**April 13, 2011**

## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Chair, Scott called to order the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission at 5:10 P.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Whitewater Municipal Building.
- b. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Carol Christ, Richard Helmick, Linda Loomer and Mariann Scott. David Sachs, Brandon VerVelde and Council Member, Marilyn Kienbaum were absent. Guests present - Jon Kachel, Linda Platner, and Caryl Yakso.  
Note: Pastor Jerald Wendt arrived at 6:40.

## II. Approval of Agenda and Rearrangement

- a. Helmick moved and Loomer seconded to place item #15 after item #5 and approve the agenda as rearranged.
- b. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None ABSENT: Sachs, Kienbaum, VerVerlde.

## III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Helmick moved and Christ seconded to accept the March 2, 2010 minutes as printed.
- b. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None ABSENT: Sachs, Kienbaum, VerVerlde.

## IV. Next Landmark's Commission Meeting

The next meeting is to be scheduled for Wed. May 4, at 5:00 P.M in the City Manager's Conference Room at the Whitewater Municipal Building.

## V. Citizen's Comments

- a. See comments from Jon Kachel under # VII.
- b. See comments from Jerald Wendt under # XI (1)

## XV. Yasko House Nomination

- a. Helmick presented nomination papers for the Richard and Caryl Yasko House.
- b. Christ reviewed criteria for designation from Landmarks Commission Ordinance 17.12.010
- c. Scott suggested that Commission apply for a Certified Local Government Grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to research architectural type.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## VI. Report from Friends of the Mounds

- a. Helmick reported that members of the FOTEM met with Tom Jennings, Jennings & Assoc. to work on the path for the mounds prior to the city-wide meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>. A burn has been scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> by Midwest Prairies.
- b. Rob Nurre, Chair of Preservation Sites Committee for Wisconsin Archeological Society has raised concerns that the plan deals mostly with vegetation management and needs to place more emphasis on preservation of the mounds.
- c. Members met with Cori Oberle, Director of Hoard Museum in Fort Atkinson on April 12 and discussed how to jointly develop educational opportunities.

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## VII. Report on Restoration Proposal Public Hearing with Jennings & Assoc., March 30<sup>th</sup> 2011

- a. Tom Jennings presented a draft of the Final Master Plan Report for Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve, Preservation and Maintenance Plan.
- b. Public gave input regarding paths , vegetation, burns
- c. Adjoining property owners requested changes to the path that would provide them with more privacy.
- d. Kachel had concerns about path, mosquito control, and equipment/ money for maintenance.
- e. Meeting was taped by Station 13, Whitewater Community Television (PEG)

## VIII. Report on James and Ella Rockefeller House

Christ reported that the property will be advertised for sale by May 10, 2011 which is the Project LET date. WisDOT will keep Landmarks informed.

## IX. Report Relocation of Stone Pillars on intersection of Main & Whiton Streets

- a. Christ reported that WisDOT has received formal confirmation from the State Historic Preservation Office, that the project as proposed, will not have an adverse effect on the gateway. No part of the gateway or pillars will be touched by this project.
- b. Eligible for National Register of Historic Places
- c. Built in 1930's by WPA. A CCC project.

## X. Report on membership in the Wisconsin Alliance of Preservation Commissions

No report.

## XI. Plans for Historical & Archaeological Preservation Month – Saturday and Sunday, May 15.

- a. Church Walk, Sunday, May 15
  1. Wendt announced that six Churches - 1st English, St John's, Congregational, St. Luke's, Methodist, and St. Patrick's will be participating.
  2. 15 -20 minutes at each church, scheduled at half hour starting at 1PM.
- b. Effigy Mounds Preserve
  1. FOTEM will procure a speaker
  2. Suggested speakers are Jay Toth, Rob Nurre, Cori Oberle
- c. Birge Fountain Display and Maid of the Mist
  1. Loomer has information on Maid
  2. Lower lobby of White Building will be open
  3. Suggested speaker – Roy Nosek?
- d. FREE LIBRARY letters will be back on White Building
- e. Publicity  
Scott will contact Station 13, Jefferson County Daily Union, WFAW, Whitewater Banner
- f. Whitewater Historical Society  
Depot will be open to share plans for new construction
- g. Possible Fundraising  
Not at this time

## XII. Effigy Mounds Preserve Boundary Marking

- a. City crew marked boundaries with stakes on Friday, April 9
- b. Most homeowners on east and south borders are infringing on mounds property
- c. First city council meeting in May will have a closed session to discuss boundaries
- d. Christ moved and Loomer seconded that Scott contact city council regarding information sharing by Landmarks for the closed session.
- e. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None ABSENT: Sachs, Kienbaum, VerVerlde.

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## NEW BUSINESS

### XIII. Review Whitewater Attendance Policy for boards and commissions

Regular attendance is mandatory – 3 consecutive missed meetings and commission may request city council select another member to serve out term.

- a. City Clerk sent letter to VerVelde and he resigned.  
Helmick moved and Loomer seconded that city clerk notify Sachs by letter that he has missed 3 consecutive meetings.
- b. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None. ABSENT: Sachs, Kienbaum, VerVerlde

### XIV. Request from John Vogel of Historical Environmental Consultants re North Street Bridges' historical status.

Scott has notified Vogel that the bridges are not local landmarks.

### XV. Yasko House (addressed above).

### XVI. Discuss Ordinance Amendment for Certificate of Appropriateness City attorney is working on this.

### XVII. Future Agenda Items

- a. New provision of Chapter 17 – criteria and list
- b. Leaflets and educational material
- c. Possible Grants – Jeffris Family and CLG
- d. Plaques for Whitewater sites that are on National Register
- e. Possible future local landmarks designations
  1. Leon Pescheret House (Scott)
  2. Vivian Henderson House (Scott)
  3. Starin Park Historic Neighborhood
  4. Ambrose House (Helmick)
- f. Landmarks Commission 2010 Report to Wisconsin Historical Society

### XVIII. Adjournment

- a. Loomer moved and Christ seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M.
- b. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Scott. NOES: None. ABSENT: Sachs, Kienbaum, VerVerlde.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol D. Christ  
Secretary Pro Tem