

Minutes

Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday October 4, 2012 - 6 PM
City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call
Christ called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM
Present: Carol Christ, Linda Loomer, Suzanne Haeslow, Nancy Wendt, Alan Marshall, Richard Helmick
Absent: Marilyn Kienbaum, Nancy Wendt
Staff present: Latisha Birkeland
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
Marshall/Loomer to accept the Agenda as printed.
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick
Noes: None
Abstain: None
- III. Approval of minutes of September 6, 2012, and September 6, 2012 (annual training session meeting).
Haeslow/Loomer moved to accept both sets of minutes as printed.
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick
Noes: None
- IV. Set date and time of next meeting – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012 - 6:00 P.M in the second floor, conference room.
- 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. No citizen comments were forwarded.

REPORTS

- VI. Report from the Friends of the Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)
A reporter from Watertown Daily will be doing an article on the Effigy Mounds Preserve. Wisconsin Archeological Society Fall Meeting was held Saturday Oct. 6 at the Hoard Museum. There has been no work on removing the turf cover from any of the effigy mounds.
- VII. Update on restoration of Whitewater Passenger Depot (Marshall)
The installation of the windows has been taking longer than expected. Outside tuck pointing of the brick façade has been completed. The outside railing separating the tracks from the building has been installed. The internal staircase has been installed. DOT has improved the revised contract modifications. Latisha Birkeland has a complete listing for those interested. Anticipated completion date is expected in four weeks.
- VIII. Update on Walking Tour Brochure (Wendt)
No report
- IX. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)
A committee meeting was held Sept 19. The fountain will be shut down on Oct 12. Discussions

were held on how to clean the fountain. Soda blasting has been approved in order to limit any harm to the structure.

- X. Update on Local Landmarks/Main Street Historic District Brochures (Loomer, Marshall & Christ)
No report.
- XI. Update on Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Preservation and Maintenance Plan (Helmick)
No new work has been initiated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- XI. Status of FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Library
No report.
- XII. Implementing 17.08.040 of Title 17 re city-owned historically significant personal property.
No report.
- XIII. Nomination of Whitewater Passenger Depot to the National Register of Historic Places
Marshall reported that the State Historical Society approved the nomination. It is on the state register and will be automatically forwarded by the state to the national level. The Landmarks Commission extends its thanks to Mr. Marshall for all of his hard work on this project.
- XIV. Corrections to Architectural and Historical Survey of Whitewater, WI 53190
Carol Cartwright still needs to make the corrections. Marshall will make a point to mention it to her.
- XV. Status on plan review documents
Documents were distributed to the members. Birkeland reviewed the documents and the procedures that will be involved. Discussion ensued. Haeslow will research possible wording changings. These documents/procedures will now be in effect.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented to the commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XVI. Future designations of city-owned properties as local landmarks
 - Prairie Tillers Mural
 - City water tower at Starin Park
 - Hitching posts
 - Starin Park Pillars
 - Stone pillars at the entrance to the UW-W Alumni Center
 - Horse fountain in front of the Whitewater Depot
 - Original Maid of the Mist statue (inside the White Memorial building)
 - Starin Park Veterans Memorial
 - War Memorial at Flat Iron Park
 - War Memorial at the Main Street bridge
- XVII. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

ADJOURNMENT

- XVIII. Call to adjourn at 7:28 PM.
Marshall/Loomer moved to adjourn.
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick
Noes: None

Respectfully submitted
R. Helmick, secretary, Landmarks Commission