

Minutes

Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday November 1, 2012 - 6 PM
Community Room, First floor of City Hall
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call
Carol Christ called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Present: Carol Christ, Linda Loomer, Suzanne Haeslow, Allan Marshal, Richard Helmick
Absent: Marilyn Kienbaum, Nancy Wendt
Staff Present: Latisha Birkland
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
Loomer/Marshall (M/S) to approve the agenda as written
Ayes: Christ, Loomer, Haeslow, Marshall, Helmick
Noes: None
Abstain: None
- III. Approval of minutes of October 4, 2012 was postponed to the December meeting.
- IV. Set date and time of next meeting - Thursday, December 6, 2012 - 6:00 P.M
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:00 PM.
- 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.
There were no citizen comments.

REPORTS

- VI. Report from the Friends of the Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)
 - A. Article in Watertown Daily Times, Oct 13 2012: An article describing the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve was printed in the Watertown Daily News.
 - B. September-October FOTEM newsletter. The newsletter has been sent to all FOTEM members and should also be available on the Whitewater Banner.
- VII. Update on restoration of Whitewater Passenger Depot (Marshall)
Latisha reported that the sewer line entering the depot has developed a small leak. The city will investigate the leak with a small camera in the line. This process will not mean any of the new concrete will not be damaged. The epoxy floor in the basement has been questioned as to durability and cost. If this change proves to be effective and cheaper and will not delay completion, the city may initiate the change. Completion date will be sometime this month. The grand opening is planned for April. Marshall added that a new sign needs to be installed. He will discuss this with Neighborhood Services. 100 Personalized bricks have been laid.
- VIII. Update on Walking Tour Brochure (Wendt)
No report.
- IX. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)
A man from Edgerton came cleaned two of the cherubs with a process called soda blasting. The committee will decide if the other cherubs and the Maid of the Mist will be cleaned as well. The cost is estimated to be around \$350. The money would come from the committee.
- 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)
Matt Amundson reported that the turf from two of the mounds has been reserved and that the city is in the process of buying short stature, prairie grass to seed the mounds. The mounds that have had their turf removed are the eagle with the down swept wings and the first, small, oval mound.

Matt inquired if the Landmarks and/or the Friends of the Effigy Mounds would be interested in helping with trail signage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- XII. Status of FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Library (Loomer)
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)
Carol Cartwright was contacted. She said she will correct the pages.
- XV. Status on plan review documents (Haselow)
The term “craftsman-like” was researched by talking to 14 other professionals in the field of construction. Two terms were suggested: “professional quality” and “artesan quality.” The commission preferred the term “professional quality.” Latisha said that this correction would be easy to make.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XVI. Future designations of city-owned properties as local landmarks
No new properties have been forwarded for consideration.
- XVII. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

ADJOURNMENT

- XVIII. Call to Adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Helmick, Secretary, Landmarks Commission