

WHITEWATER LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190
Wednesday, April 4, 2012 - 5 PM

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call
At 5:08 P.M. Chair Christ called the monthly meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission to order in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Whitewater Municipal Building. Roll call was taken. Members present: Carol Christ, Richard Helmick, Linda Loomer, Alan Marshall, Mariann Scott, Nancy Wendt. Members absent: Marilyn Kienbaum.
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
Helmick moved the agenda be approved as written. Marshall seconded the motion. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Marshall, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum. Motion passed.
- III. Approval of minutes of March 7, 2012.
Helmick moved and Christ seconded the March 7, 2012 minutes be approved as written. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Marshall, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum. Motion passed.
- IV. Set date of next meeting - Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 5 PM in City Manager's Conference Room
- V. Hear Citizen Comments:
No citizens present.

REPORTS

- VI. Report from the Friends of the Effigy Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)
 - A. Helmick and Suzanne Haselow attended the Wisconsin Burial Sites Protection Board meeting on March 16. Helmick reviewed State Archaeologist John Broihahn's report of WEMP encroachments.
 - B. When FOTEM met March 29 at WEMP, Denay Trykowski handed out a sketch of the proposed planting area and discussed possible ideas for plantings. She has not yet received the map of the area from Amundson. As part of his Eagle project Eric Tabaka plans to raise \$3,000 for plantings/ publicity.
 - C. Helmick reported that the suggested maintenance improvements are part of an ongoing discussion.
 - D. Christ showed the March issue of the FOTEM newsletter which was emailed at the end of March. See attached copy. April issue will feature local Preservation Month activities
- VII. Update on James and Ella Rockefeller (Christ)
No report - Christ
- VIII. Update on Restoration of the Passenger Depot (Marshall)
Marshall reported that the bids are in and the city council has chosen the low bid by Joe Daniels of Appleton, a company with much experience working on historic buildings. A September completion date is anticipated. Because of the low bid the original plan can be completed.
- IX. Update on upcoming Starin Park Historic Neighborhood Assn. meeting - Jan.16th (Helmick)
Helmick requested this item be removed from future agendas.
- X. Update on Walking Tour brochure (Wendt)
Wendt plans to talk with Alan Lockett and to do more research.
- XI. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)
Loomer reported the Birge Fountain Committee will meet to decide about waxing the basin of the fountain before it is filled. Sarah Linn gave Loomer photos to be put in the Maid of the Mist display in the White Memorial Building lobby.
- XII. Report Historical & Archaeological Month (May) Planning
 - A. Effigy Mound Preserve tour planned for May 5th - Kurt Sampson will give talk at 10 AM.
 - B. Downtown Whitewater Walking brochure at printer. Tour being planned. (Helmick)
 - C. Flyers will be done by Christ. Need to explore using other media for publicity.
 - D. TV Infomercial & past video presentations on Whitewater PEG TV station during May.
 - E. The display in the large case at Young Library will be done by Loomer and Scott.
 - F. May 3rd Appreciation reception at City Hall. Program is a PowerPoint by Christ.
 - G. Proclamation of Historic Preservation Month by city manager.
- XIII. Update on Local Landmarks/Main Street Historic District Brochures (Loomer, Marshall & Christ)
Christ received the photos for the brochure just before the meeting.

- XIV. Update on Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Preservation & Management Plan
Boy Scout Eric Tabaka plans to raise \$3,000 for plantings and do publicity as part of his Eagle Scout project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- XV. Petition for Rescission of Landmark Designation for Nelson Salisbury House - 404 W. North St.(Christ)
City Attorney McDonell reports that the six month period began the day, February 6, 2012, the owner, Spears, filed the request.
Loomer moved and Wendt seconded that Landmarks Commission accepts the petition of rescission of Landmark designation of the Nelson Salisbury house. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Marshall, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum. Motion passed.
- XVI. Status of City Council process on Fence Encroachments at Effigy Mounds Preserve (Scott)
No report - Scott
- XVII. Update on the FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Building (Scott)
No report.
- XVIII. Status of Title 17 Amendment - Certificate of Approval(COA) for public/private property (Christ)
Helmick moved and Marshall seconded that Landmarks Commission accept the Amendment to Title 17 as written. Vote taken. AYES: Christ, Helmick, Loomer, Marshall, Scott, Wendt. NOES: None. Absent: Kienbaum. Motion passed.
- XIX. Implementing 17.08.040 of Title 17 re: city-owned historically significant personal property.
No report.
- XX. Vacancies on Landmarks Commission
The city council will make appointments to fill the three vacancies in May.

NEW BUSINESS

- XXI. Wis. Assoc. of Historical Preservation Commissions(WAHPC) Annual meeting - Sat., April 28, 2012
Brunner approved payment by city of \$40 registration fee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XXII. Future designations of city-owned properties as Local Landmarks
XXIII. Certified Local Government Grants (July 2012)
XXIV. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

ADJOURNMENT

- XXV. Call to Adjourn
Chair Christ adjourned the meeting at 6:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariann Scott, Secretary