

Minutes

Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday, June 6, 2013 - 6 PM
City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call - Welcome new members
Chairperson Christ called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.
Present: Carol Christ, Suzanne Haselow, Alan Marshall, Ken Kienbaum, Sarah Bregant, Richard Helmick
Absent: None
Staff present: Latisha Birkland
Visitor: Brandon Bockrath
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
Christ requested that Item IX be moved in front of VI so that Brockrath could make his presentation earlier in the agenda.
MSC (Marshall/Bregant)
Ayes: Christ, Haselow, Marshall, Kienbaum, Bregant, Helmick
Nays: None
Abstained: None
- III. Approval of minutes of May 2, 2013
On Item IX: change the amount from \$200 to \$2,000.
MSC (Bregant/Marshall) to approve with changes as presented above.
MSC (Marshall/Bregant)
Ayes: Christ, Haselow, Marshall, Kienbaum, Bregant, Helmick
Nays: None
- IV. Set date and time of next meeting - Thursday, July ____, 2013 - 6:00 P.M
Due to the July 4th holiday, the next meeting will be held on August 1, 2013 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.
None.

REPORTS

- VI. Report from the Friends of the Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)
 - A. Trails
There is still some confusion regarding the correct path for the city to mow. Helmick will request a review with the mowers.
 - B. Benches
The two benches that were removed some years earlier have not been returned. They have been seen stored at the city garage lot. Helmick has requested the return and will do so again.
 - C. Prairie Plantings
The FOTEM volunteers have been working diligently working under the direction of Denay Trykowski clearing the soil of debris, planting, mulching, and watering the plants bought by the city. At present, they are about half way through the project. More helpers would be greatly appreciated.
- VII. Update on Whitewater Passenger Depot (Marshall)
The Historical Society is planning to have more hours opened to the public. Right now, the only time it is open is Wednesday from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. They would like more volunteers to help supervise the depot during open hours.
- VIII. Birge Fountain - representative needed
Kienbaum volunteered to be the Landmarks representative on the Birge Fountain Committee.
- IX. Update on Local Landmarks Brochure and Story Map (Christ)
Christ introduced Brandon Bockrath, an intern at Pangea Studios (GIS Center on UW-W campus).

Christ also distributed the new Landmarks brochure. Brandon developed a digital link (QR code) on the front of the brochure. He presented the program to the commission. The entire program took 15 – 20 hours to prepare. The program files will be transferred to Alan Luckett so that the city will be able to run the program. The brochure will be accessible from all digital devices. The link will also be available on the city's web site. A special thanks goes out to the Tourism Council for covering the costs of the brochure.

- X. Update on Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Preservation and Maintenance Plan (Helmick)
Damage to the mounds themselves was reported to the Park and Recreation Board. Three to four of the mounds have been damaged by mowers. The ground has been scrapped, removing portions of the mound figures.
- XI. Wisconsin Historic Preservation and Archeology Month Recap
 - A. Effigy Mounds Preserve presentation (Helmick)
The presentation was attended by folks from four different cities. Afterwards, Rob Nurre volunteered to conduct a guided tour of the preserve.
 - B. Proclamation of Historic Preservation Month by city manager (Christ)
Christ accepted the city's proclamation at the council meeting on May 2.
 - C. Annual report to city Council (Christ)
Christ also made a report to the council on May 2 of the commission's work for the past year..
 - D. May 14th - Reception (Haselow & Helmick)
A small but enthusiastic group of present council members hosted a dinner for immediate, past members To thank them for their past service.
 - E. TV Infomercial & past video presentations on Whitewater PEG TV station during May.
No report or information on this was available at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- XII. Implementing 17.08.040 of Title 17 re city-owned historically significant personal property.
Christ distributed a list of city property that are not buildings but still hold historical significance for our city. The items need to be catalogued and stored in a way that their protection will be on going. Birkland will ask the city attorney and the clerk for additional information on these items.
- XIII. Corrections to Architectural and Historical Survey of Whitewater, WI 53190 (Christ)
Christ had Alan Luckett make the changes on the city's web site. Alan will be doing this. Once done, the updated pages need to be sent to Carol Cartwright so she can insert them in the book for the Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS

- XIV. Damage to effigy mounds by city mowers

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XV. Election of chair, vice-chair, and secretary
- XVI. Designation of local landmarks – city or private properties - ideas
- XVII. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Christ expressed appreciation to Brandon, the Tourism Council, and GMA Printing for all their help in developing the brochure.

ADJOURNMENT

- XVIII. Call to Adjourn

MSC (Marshall/Haselow) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Christ, Haselow, Marshall, Kienbaum, Bregant, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstained: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.