

Minutes
Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday, February 6, 2014 – 6 PM
City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order

- Call to Order and roll call

Vice Chairman Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM

Present: Alan Marshall, Carol Christ, Suzanne Haselow, Suzanne Popke, Sarah Bergant, Ken Kienbaum, Richard Helmick

Absent: None

Staff present: Latisha Birkland

- Approval of Agenda

MSC Marshall/Christ to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Alan Marshall, Carol Christ, Suzanne Haselow, Suzanne Popke, Sarah Bergant, Ken Kienbaum, Richard Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The agenda was approved.

- Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2013

MSC Marshall/Bergan to approve the minutes as presented with two spelling corrections.

Ayes: Alan Marshall, Carol Christ, Suzanne Haselow, Suzanne Popke, Sarah Bergant, Ken Kienbaum, Richard Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The minutes were approved.

- Set date and time of next meeting – Thursday, March 6, 2014 - 6:00 PM

The next meeting is set for Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the city manager's conference room on the second floor of city hall.

- 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 citizens' comments.

Reports

- Friends of the Mounds (Helmick)

The student brochure describing the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve was discussed at the November meeting of the Park and Rec Board. At that time, it was decided the brochure would be updated by FOTEM members and then presented to the Landmarks Commission and the Park and Rec Board for their approval.

- Whitewater Passenger Depot, closed for season (Marshall)

The hours the museum will be opened for the rest of February will be Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Exhibits are still in progress. Saturday, March 15, the society will be holding its “Whitewater Collects” program. Whatever collection citizens may have, they can bring to the museum and it will be appraised for free.

- Birge Fountain, turned off for season (Kienbaum)

No report.

- Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve – Preservation and Maintenance Plan (Helmick)

No report

Unfinished Business

- Discussion of possible recommendation to the City Council for landmark status of historical items. (Birkeland)

Latisha disseminated a list of specific properties along with designation criteria written in the city’s ordinances. She asked commissioners to review the current language to see if it was still appropriate. Discussion ensued. It was decided to bring this item back at a future meeting when more information is available.

New Business

There was no new business presented.

Future Agenda Items

- First English Church is planning to redo their parking areas. In the process, the church wants to tear down two buildings. Does the church need to come to Landmarks to get approval for their demolition? The buildings in question are within the Historic District. General consensus of the commissioners was yes. Latisha will check with the city attorney for further clarification.
- Review historical records to determine if the city armory building should be designated as a landmark.

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Nothing was discussed.

Adjournment

- MSC Marshall/Haselow to adjourn the meeting.
- Ayes: Alan Marshall, Carol Christ, Suzanne Haselow, Suzanne Popke, Sarah Bergant, Ken Kienbaum, Richard Helmick

- Nays: None
- Abstain: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Helmick, Secretary