

**MINUTES**  
**Whitewater Landmarks Commission**  
**Thursday, August 7, 2014 – 6 PM**  
**City Manager’s Conference Room**  
**312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190**

**Call to Order**

- Call to Order and roll call  
Vice Chair, Alan Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.  
Present: Suzanne Popke, Suzanne Haselow, Sarah Bergants, Alan Marshall, Richard Helmick, Ken Kienbaum  
Absent: None  
Staff present: None  
Guests: Taylor McDarison,
- Approval of Agenda  
MSC Bergants/Marshall to approve the agenda as printed.  
Ayes: Kienbaum, Popke, Haselow, Bergants, Marshall, Helmick  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None
- Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2014  
MSC Bergants/Marshall to approve the minutes of June 5, 2014 with minor spelling corrections.  
Ayes: Kienbaum, Popke, Haselow, Bergants, Marshall, Helmick  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None
- Set date and time of next meeting – Thursday, September 4, 2014 - 6:00 PM  
The next meeting will be held on September 4, 2014 in the City Manager’s Conference Room at 6:00 PM.
- 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**

- Friends of the Mounds (Helmick)  
FOTEM, along with representatives from the Hoard Historical Museum, staffed an information table at the Man Mound site during the Man Mound Celebration event, July 20, 2014. Approximately 120 visitors attended the day-long event. FOTEM handed out WEMP brochures, answered questions, and encouraged people to visit Whitewater.
- Historical Society (Marshall)  
The “Women at Work” exhibit is completed and available for viewing at the museum. In October, the new exhibit will be entitled “Women’s Suffrage.” In March, the society will be hosting “Whitewater Collects.” This will be an opportunity for area residents to bring in their collections for

review. The society has recently purchased a number of pottery pieces once manufactured in Whitewater during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They will be on display at a future exhibit.

- Birge Fountain (Kienbaum)

Kienbaum reported that the stolen tridents have been returned. Additionally, two more tridents were obtained so that all four cherubs will have tridents. Plans are being discussed to paint parts of the fountain this fall after the fountain has been turned off and drained.

- Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve and Maintenance (Helmick)

Archeologists at the WI State Historical Society were contacted by the Landmarks Commission in order to gather information on how to proceed with the repair of animal intrusions at WEMP. They advised to follow the following steps in repairing the damage:

1. Contact the city, or local, animal control officer to help prevent future intrusions.
2. Carefully check the holes/diggings that the animal has made to see if there is any evidence of bones or other human remains. If there is, immediately stop and notify the State Historical Society.
3. Fill the hole with sand and then top it with clean soil in order to refresh vegetative cover.

The commission requested that this information be forwarded to Matt Amundson, Director of Parks and Recreation, to assist the city in its repairs at the WEMP.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Plaques for Landmarks (Popke)

Popke introduced Taylor McDarison, UW-Whitewater, ceramics, art student, who will be in charge of the project. She also serves on the Whitewater Arts Alliance. She and Popke have reviewed 13 houses in Whitewater listed as landmarks. The other city landmarks have not been reviewed as yet. Discussion ensued. Popke will contact property owners in order to get their feedback on the proposed project before going any farther.

- Budget – Present budget \$1600

Kienbaum discussed possible budget proposals with the city manager, Cameron Clapper. Clapper intends to check with other, local cities to see what kind of budget they use in supporting landmarks commissions. Previously, the city had given the Landmarks Commission a budget of \$1600. Because the amount had not been used every year, it was then discontinued. Discussion ensued. If the commission wants to have a budget from the city, it needs to present one for council approval before September. Kienbaum will confer with Alan Luckett, staff representative on the commission, to develop a specific, budgetary framework.

- Tile Project Proposal (Taylor McDarison)

As discussed above: Plaques for Landmarks.

### **New Business**

- Old Stone Mill Dam – Kienbaum questioned why the dam was removed without talking to Landmarks Commission for prior approval. He will discuss this with the city manager and report back to the commission.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Popke discussed the idea of fund raising.
- Helmick discussed the need for the city to approve Pat Blackmer's application to join the Landmarks Commission.

**Good of the Order**

None at this time.

**Adjournment**

MSC Bergants/Marshall to adjourn.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Popke, Haselow, Bergants, Marshall, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Helmick, Secretary