

Minutes
Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday, June 5, 2014 – 6 PM
City Manager’s Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order

- Call to Order and roll call
Chairperson Kienbaum called the meeting to order at 6:05.
Present: Ken Kienbaum, Suzanne Haselow, Suzanne Popke, Sarah Bregants, Richard Helmick
Absent: None
Staff present: None
Guests: Pat Blackmer, Roberta Taylor
- Approval of Agenda
MSC The agenda was approved as posted. Marshall/Bregants MSC to approve as posted.
- Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2014
MSC Bregants/Haselow to approve as posted. The minutes of May 1, 2014 were approved as posted.
Ayes: Ken Kienbaum, Alan Marshal, Carol Christ, Suzanne Haselow, Suzanne Popke, Sarah Bregants, Richard Helmick
Nays: None
Abstain: None
- Set date and time of next meeting – Thursday, August 7, 2014 - 6:00 PM
The next meeting of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the city manager’s conference room. Note: There will be no July meeting due to the holiday.
- 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)
 - There has been some animal digging near one of the oval mounds. Matt Amundson, Parks Director and supervisor of maintenance at the EMP, has been notified of the damage.
 - The prairie flowers planted at the entrance sign are, for the most part, doing well. As expected, there has been some winter die off. It is hoped that funds can be found to replace those plants that have died. Various citizens have stated that better, more informative signage would be appreciated.
 - Karen Coburn, Chair of the UFC, is interested in supporting more maintenance at the EMP. She is interested in having a meeting with FOTEM, Landmarks, Park & Rec., and other interested parties to exchange information.
- Historical Society (Marshall)
 - Hours that it will be opened will be Fridays, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 PM, and Thursdays, during the city’s activities at Cravath Lake.

- On July 5, there will be a program presented by Jukius Birge's great granddaughter. She will read a selection from his book at the fountain. To support this presentation, the Historical Society will have an exhibit on Julius Birge's life.
- Birge Fountain (Kienbaum)
 - The two students who stole the arrows from the cherubs have been caught. The arrows have been recovered. When the arrows are put back, they will be wielded to the cherub to try and prevent any future theft.
 - Additionally, a new camera will be installed with a direct feed to the police department.
 - New filters will be installed on the upper basin to help keep the nozzles there from clogging.
 - The fountain will be drained this fall in order to do some repainting.
- Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve and Maintenance (Helmick)
 - There is no report.
- Report on Display at Library for Historical/Archeological month (Helmick)
 - Librarians have said that the information on our area effigy mounds was well received by visitors. The display was present for the all of May and was removed this past Monday.

Unfinished Business

- Consideration of Water Tower for Landmark status
 - Haselow has been doing research on the water tower. She and Allan Lutke will continue to try and learn when the tower was built and by who.
- Consideration of Armory for Landmark Service
 - Helmick is in the process of completing the application form to present to the commission.
- Plaques for Landmarks (Popke)
 - Popke met with Dr. Terry Frame, a professor at UW-Whitewater. She and a few of her students are interested in touring the landmarks to see where the plaques might be posted. They also need whatever information will be needed to be placed on the plaque. It was suggested that at some point the property owners are notified and asked for their input. Dr. Frame's students intend to try and meet the individual ascetic of each property. Initial estimate for the completed, 12 plaques plus installation is in the range of \$2,000 - \$5,000. Dr. Frame would expect that material costs be paid up front with the remainder of the costs paid at the completion of all the plaques.
- Consideration of requesting items from residents of Jefferson and Walworth Counties to display at the local historical museum (Whitewater Train Depot).
 - The historical society does accept items from outside the city limits. There are two ways of accepting these items: as a short term loan or as a permanent gift. The historical society does not request items. These items are offered to the society on a voluntary basis.
- Whitewater Historical Society's response to City Landmarks Commission in regard to Historically Significant Personal Property
 - The society is only interested in items significant to the history of Whitewater.
- Budget for next year
 - Lutke will put together a sample budget we may wish to use.
 - Kienbaum will talk with the city manager to see what possible funds could be made available.

New Business

- First English Lutheran Church preservation of chimney and bell tower – needs tuck pointing (Marshall)

- The church is considering removing the chimney. MSC Haselow/Bregants to remove the east chimney and do any associated repairs. The motion passed with Marshall abstaining. Marshall will notify the church. Bregants will make sure that the city is informed of the commission's decision to expedite the permit process.

Future Agenda Items

- Budget
- Plaques

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None

Adjournment

Kienbaum adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Helmick, Secretary, Whitewater Landmarks Commission