

Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

City Hall, Hall of Fame Room, Lower Level, 381 E. Main Street, Stoughton, WI.

Members Present: Peggy Veregin, Chair; Andrea Rainka, Secretary; Michael Engelberger; and Connie Kraus

Absent and Excused: Greg Pigarelli and Alan Hedstrom

Staff: Michael Stacey

Guests: Stephen Mar-Pohl; Elizabeth Cwik; Ben and Emily Thompson.

1. **Call to order.** Peggy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Consider approval of the Landmarks Commission meeting minutes of January 8, 2015 and February 12, 2015.**
Motion by **Andrea** to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by **Connie**. Motion carried 4 – 0.
3. **Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request by Elizabeth Cwik to install exterior lighting at 515 E. Main Street (Turner and Atkinson Tobacco Warehouse).**
Elizabeth Cwik explained the request. The group discussed the proposed use, future updates to the building and tax credits. Elizabeth stated she would do a little research to see if any exterior lighting had ever been on the building. The group concluded it would be easier to gain tax credits if the property was part of a Nationally Recognized Historic District. The Depot Hill District is eligible and the Commission plans to attempt to gain support by more than 50% of the property owners there.

Motion by **Connie** to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented, 2nd by **Andrea**. Motion carried 4 – 0.

4. **Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request by Ben and Emily Thompson to structurally rehabilitate the rear porch at 620 S. Prairie Street (Martin House).**

Ben Thompson explained the request. The group discussed the proposed request.

Motion by **Andrea** to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented, 2nd by **Connie**. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Ben Thompson stated they plan to replace windows on the future and questioned the best practice to do so. Peggy stated if the wood is in good shape it is best to repair them with new glass. Commission members provided information for the Thompson's to review.

5. Status Updates:

A. Power Plant

Stephen Mar-Pohl gave an update on the status of redeveloping the Power Plant for Mobcraft. Stephen stated currently they are scaling back the plans to cut costs. The group discussed the potential redevelopment of the area from Fourth Street to Eighth Street.

B. Linderud Exhibit

No updates

C. 1892 High School

Peggy sent a letter to the school district in January on behalf of the Landmarks Commission regarding the landmark status of the 1892 High School. A letter was sent back from the school stated they were evaluating the recent water damage and they are acquiring costs to repair the interior of the building. Peggy sent the Commission letter to Tim Swadley who is on the Facilities Committee for the school district and he is an alderman. Tim provided a construction cost estimate from 2004 for over \$2 million dollars. Peggy plans to contact the school superintendent to setup a tour of the building for all interested Commission members.

6. Discuss Historic Preservation Ordinance.

A brief discussion took place regarding amendments to the draft ordinance. The Commission decided to hold a public hearing in April.

7. Historic Preservation Award.

The Commission discussed potential individuals worthy of an award. A decision will be made in April for this award.

8. Discuss suggestions for a new landmarks commission member.

Peggy will contact Stephen Nashold to see if he is interested.

9. Commission Reports/Calendar.

Nothing to report.

10. Future agenda items.

Historic Preservation Ordinance public hearing.

11. Adjournment.

Motion by Connie to adjourn at 8:50 pm, 2nd by Andrea. Motion carried 4 – 0.