

Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Peggy Veregin, Chair; Alan Hedstrom, Vice-Chair; Kimberly Cook; Stephen Mar-Pohl; Greg Pigarelli and Michael Engelberger

Absent: Josh Mabie

Staff: Zoning Administrator, Michael Stacey

Guests: Todd Hubing; Ben and Emily Thomson and Tom Selsor

1. **Call to order.** Peggy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Consider approval of the Landmarks Commission meeting minutes of December 10, 2015.**
Motion by **Stephen** to approve the minutes, 2nd by **Michael E.**

Peggy suggested a correction to the minutes. Michael S will make the change.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

3. **Ben and Emily Thomson request a certificate of appropriateness to replace attic windows at 620 S. Prairie Street.**

The Commission and applicant's discussed the COA request.

Motion by **Michael E** to approve the certificate of appropriateness as presented, 2nd by **Stephen.**

Window screens and brickmold was discussed. Ben Thomson stated the exterior will remain as is. Michael S will draft the COA letter in the morning.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

4. **Status Update for 1892 High School.**

A lengthy discussion took place about the future of the 1892 High School summarized as follows:

- Peggy provided information about the upcoming Stoughton School Board Meeting on January 27th with their consultant to discuss the questions planned for a future survey. There will be a few questions related to the 1892 High School.
- Stephen discussed a meeting he had with Joe Frey who is the Chair of the School Building & Grounds Committee.
- Discussed the viability of moving the building to the corner of Forrest and North Streets.
- Discussed potential questions that may be on the survey. A few Commissioners including Tom Selsor believe it is premature to ask citizens questions related to the 1892 High School without providing more information to the public.
- Discussed a forum that is in the works to bring everyone together to discuss the future of the 1892 High School to be held in the Opera House. Discussed agenda for forum and how to get people to show up including the press.

- Tom Selsor stated there are too many groups with varying ideas that need to come together. However, Peggy believes it is good that there are many groups with different ideas. Peggy would like to see more groups involved such as Teachers and Working for Kids.
 - Peggy provided information about a recent meeting she attended with Sustainable Stoughton, This Old House Group, Stoughton Historical Society and 4 Common Council members. They discussed how they can reach the most people effectively to show broad support. Each group can tap into their own listserv.
 - Peggy and Stephen plan to attend the School Board meeting of January 27th. Peggy has a list of potential questions. Peggy and Stephen will ask the School to withhold questions related to the 1892 High School until a later date or at least allow a period of time to respond to the proposed questions.
5. **Discuss Linderud Collection.**
Josh has a 5 point plan for the collection. Peggy plans to email Josh regarding contacting the Library staff person. Michael S will provide the contact to Peggy.
6. **Commission Reports/Calendar.**
Stephen discussed a meeting he had at the Power Plant with Keith Simonson to discuss the potential for a brewery at that location. Keith Simonson helps small brewers get a start such as Viking Brew Pub in Stoughton.
7. **Future agenda items.** None discussed.
8. **Adjournment.** Motion by Michael E to adjourn at 8:50 pm, 2nd by Alan. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Stacey