

## **Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 8, 2016 – 7:00 pm**

**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; Kathleen Tass Johnson; Alan Hedstrom; Greg Pigarelli and Stephen Mar-Pohl

**Absent:** Josh Mabie

**Staff:** Zoning Administrator, Michael Stacey

**Guests:** Elisabeth Mensink; Sara Lenz and Todd Hubing

1. **Call to order.** Veregin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Consider approval of the Landmarks Commission meeting minutes of July 14, 2016.**  
Motion by **Hedstrom** to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Cook**. Motion carried 6 – 0.

3. **Request by Elisabeth Mensink for approval of a certificate of appropriateness to install a storage shed at West School Apartments, 400 Garfield Street.**  
Veregin gave an overview of the application. Elisabeth Mensink was available for questions.

Motion by **Mar-Pohl** to approve the COA request as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Tass-Johnson**. Motion carried 6 – 0.

4. **Request by Daniel and Sara Lenz for approval of a certificate of appropriateness to replace portions of roofing and siding at the Era H. and Harriet Grout Gerard House, 118 N. Page Street.**  
Veregin gave an overview of the application and suggested repairs match existing scale, color and design.

Sara Lenz stated that due to the condition of the roof they had to proceed with the repairs prior to approval. The repairs were made to match.

Motion by **Hedstrom** to approve the COA request as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Tass-Johnson**. Motion carried 6 – 0.

5. **Discuss request by Chuck Haase to designate the Freight Depot, 529 E. Main Street as a Local Landmark.**  
Veregin is working on the nomination papers and stated pictures of the exterior are needed. She also suggested a letter of support from Mr. Haase would be nice to have given Mr. Haase's previous objections to landmarking. Veregin noted the exterior has been modified from the original construction.

Stacey will send Mr. Haase's contact information to Veregin. Stacey will also try to make contact with Mr. Haase and get inside the building to take pictures.

Mar-Pohl will check Sanborn Maps for information related to this property.

If Mr. Haase is agreeable to signing a letter of support, and in consideration of his declining health, the Landmarks Commission can provide one as a convenience to him. Veregin will draft

a letter. A public hearing will be necessary at a Landmarks Commission meeting and a recommendation will go to the City Council.

Veregin will send Tass-Johnson links for information gathering and newspaper references.

**6. Discuss 1892 High School Coalition group sessions.**

Veregin provided information about a meeting coming up this Saturday at the Stoughton Hospital Cafeteria at 8:45 am. Veregin explained the Coalition is a group comprised of Sustainable Stoughton, Landmarks Commission, Stoughton Historical Society and R Olde House Group.

A lengthy discussion proceeded as follows:

- A series of meetings are planned this Fall to help identify a potential use for the building to present to the School Superintendent and School Board;
- The use should be appropriate to its location on the middle school campus;
- Mar-Pohl is working on a video with 3D modeling to show what the building could look like if restored;
- Veregin is working on a draft flyer to explain the intent of the future group sessions;
- The Coalition is also working on draft questions to use at the group sessions;
- Email and Facebook will be a resource for people to provide feedback or ask questions.

The Commission discussed providing some funding to help pay for organizing and preparing materials for future sessions.

Motion by **Hedstrom** to provide \$100 toward the Coalition efforts for preparation of materials for future group sessions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Mar-Pohl**. Motion carried 6 – 0. Stacey stated a receipt will be necessary to provide funding.

**7. Discuss Depot Hill District.**

Veregin stated Stacey has provided a list of current owners within the proposed Depot Hill district. Veregin suggested having a public informational meeting with the owners.

Hedstrom suggested waiting on the Depot Hill district and concentrating on the Freight Depot Local Landmark nomination. The Commission agreed.

**8. Commission Reports/Calendar.**

Potential interest in the Power Plant building discussed.

**9. Future agenda items.**

Preservation Conference, Oct 21 – 22 at Wisconsin Dells.

RDA update regarding the Milfab/Highway Trailer/Power Plant development.

**10. Adjournment.** Motion by **Hedstrom** to adjourn at 8:50 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Tass-Johnson**. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted, *Michael Stacey*