

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of May 4, 2015**

**Members Present:** Katrinka Bourne, Dave Strobel, Carrie Ronnander, Ken Ziehr, John Mann, Brady Foust, Jane Seymour Kunick

**Members Absent:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 6, 2015, meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Katrinka Bourne and called to order at 4:30 p.m.

- 1. Discussion on 1004 Menomonie Street.** The Commission continued their discussion regarding the request to demolish the Kaiser Lumber Company Office at 1004 Menomonie Street. Pat Ivory noted that he had received an email from James Rolbiecki indicating that he was working with an architect to develop some plans for the building, possibly including an addition that he would present to the subcommittee or Commission later in May. Dave Strobel indicated that he talked to the UWEC Foundation who indicated that they had been interested in the building, but the current owners were asking too much to sell the building. The University Foundation had considered alternatives both keeping the building at the present location and moving the building.

Bruce Gardow, President of the Eau Claire Preservation Foundation, informed the Commission that the HPF was interested in the building as a meeting facility and possible interpretive center. He had talked to the Rolbiecki's about the building and they indicated that the HPF could have the building, but it would have to be moved. Mr. Gardow stated that he was working with several building movers from the Twin Cities to obtain quotations for moving the building.

The Commission and Mr. Gardow discussed possible locations if the building were to be moved. It was suggested that the HPF contact the UWEC Foundation to see if some type of cooperative agreement could be negotiated.

- 2. Discussion of Future Local Landmark Designations.** The Commission continued their discussion from previous meetings about future local landmark designations. Katrinka Bourne indicated that she was still attempting to meet with the owner of 1615 State Street. Pat Ivory noted that Saint Edwards Chapel located at 1129 Bellevue Avenue would be considered for local designation at the June meeting. The owners of 1819 Lyndale Avenue indicated that they were not interested at the present time.

Possible designations of the S-bridge and high bridge would be discussed for later this summer. The owners of the former Parks and Recreation Building on First Avenue will also be contacted. The Commission will discuss the possibility of local designation of the Water Street National Register Commercial District. Finally, the owners of 421 Talmadge Street are also being contacted.

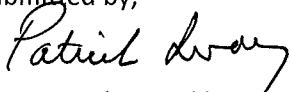
- 3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties, including:**

- A. Update on 1302 State Street.** This item was tabled until the June meeting.

- B. Update on the status of the CLG grant application.** Pat Ivory discussed the recent grant award of funds from the Wisconsin Historical Society of \$19,000 from the Certified Local Government Grant Program to update the City's Historic Intensive Survey. The objective of the survey is to review properties that were constructed over 40 years ago to identify those that have historic or architectural significance. Pat noted that he planned to include provisions for the consultant to reassess the National Register eligibility of 5 to 10 properties as part of the project. The Commission should help develop the listing of these additional properties. The City Council recently approved the grant agreement.
- C. Report from Historic Preservation Foundation.** No additional report.
- D. Tour Booklet Update.** Pat Ivory updated the Commission on the process to update the Commission's 2002 Tour Booklet. Pat indicated that he met with the graphic designer that would be assisting on the project. It is anticipated that work would start in September.
- E. Preservation Month.** The Commission discussed possible activities and a proclamation for Preservation Month in May. It was noted that Dave Strobel and Pat Ivory recently attended the spring conference of the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions in La Crosse.
- F. Future Agenda Items.** Future agenda items include a discussion about the Federal and State tax credit program and a possible tour of the Biscuit Loft Apartments (former Parks and Recreation Office).

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by,



Minutes submitted by Patrick Ivory