

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of June 1, 2015

- Members Present:** Katrinka Bourne, Dave Strobel, Carrie Ronnander, Ken Ziehr, John Mann
- Members Absent:** Brady Foust, Jane Seymour Kunick
- Minutes:** The minutes of the May 4, 2015, meeting were approved as written.

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

- 1. Public Hearing on Consideration of the Designation of 1129 Bellevue Avenue as a Local Landmark.** The Commission held a public hearing to consider the designation of 1129 Bellevue Avenue as a local landmark property pursuant to Chapter 2.65. The Commission was informed that the City had received an email from the owners of the property indicating that they had changed their minds and wanted to hold off on consideration of their property as a local landmark.

ACTION TAKEN: Carrie Ronnander moved to postpone indefinitely the consideration of 1129 Bellevue Avenue as a local landmark. Ken Ziehr seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

- 2. Discussion and Update 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 reviewed a drawing/photo rendering submitted by Mr. James Rolbiecki showing an addition onto the west side of the Kaiser Lumber Company Building. Mr. Rolbiecki was present at the meeting. The drawing only showed the north and west sides of the addition. Pat noted that Mr. Rolbiecki had submitted the drawing for discussion purposes and was not a formal Certificate of Appropriateness submittal. He added that comments regarding the drawing should be based on the Secretary of Interiors standards contained in the ordinance. Pat reviewed the standards with the Commission.

Comments of the Commission included:

- The Commission liked the concept of the lower course of brick/or stone attempting to match a similar foundation line on the original building. However, they felt that the windows shouldn't be extended down to the ground level thus segmenting this stone line.
- Consideration should be given to changing the windows to more of a vertical orientation rather than a horizontal orientation reflecting the size and shape of the original windows and placing them within the brick wall above the stone foundation.
- The Commission liked the concept of a decorative cornice to resemble the cornice on the existing building.
- They had questions how the addition would be connected to the original building both along the wall-line and at the roof-line. They suggested that the north and south walls of the original building and addition should be offset rather than butted up to each other. In addition, it was suggested that the roof of the addition be stepped down to below the existing cornice line to preserve the roofline and cornice of the original building. The roofline of the addition could be stepped back up once it clears the cornice by a few feet.
- It was difficult to tell from the drawing, but the brick and lower course of the addition should match the existing building as much as possible.

- The Commission noted that one of the primary concerns would be attempting to keep as much of the existing building intact as the design for the addition is considered.
- The Commission also noted that it would be helpful for the Commission to have additional information including an elevational drawing of the south side of the addition, more detail on how the addition ties into the west wall of the original building and the roofline/cornice of the original building, information on the size of the building in relation to the original building, more information about the building materials to be used and how they match the original building, and a site plan.

Bruce Gardow, President of the Eau Claire Preservation Foundation, was present at the meeting, but did not discuss information related to the Foundation's interest in the building.

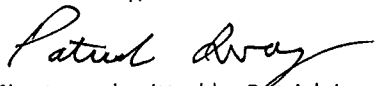
The Commission thanked Mr. Rolbiecki for having the initial concept plan for the building prepared.

3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties, including:

- A. Update on 1302 State Street.** This item was tabled until such time as the owner of the property can attend the 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 reviewed the Request for Proposals for the project that will be due by June 12th.
- C. Report from Historic Preservation Foundation.** Bruce Gardow discussed the plans of the Foundation to prepare a booklet focusing on historic buildings that have been demolished.
- 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 and the purchase order for the work has been processed. It is anticipated that work will start in September.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by,



Minutes submitted by Patrick Ivory