

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of May 2, 2016

Members Present: John Mann, Ken Ziehr, Jane Seymour Kunick, Dale Poynter, Brady Foust

Members Absent: Dave Strobel, Joan Myers

Minutes: The minutes of the March 7, 2016, meeting were approved as written. (The Commission did not meet in April.)

The meeting was chaired by John Mann and called to order in the City Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.

1. **Discussion of status of Woo's Pagoda.** Carrie Ronnander from the Chippewa Valley Museum was present at the meeting to discuss the formation of a committee that would look at options for the re-use of the Woo's Pagoda structure that is currently in storage at Banbury Place. The roof structure has been in storage for the past two years. Carrie indicated that the Museum is interested in coordinating the effort to re-use the structure, but would not be able to use it as part of a Museum project or exhibit.
2. **Presentation of UWEC Public History Research.** Megan Beer-Pemberton, a graduate student from UWEC, was present at the meeting to provide an overview of the research completed by UWEC Public History students over the past couple years. Thirty-three homes were researched within the northwest and northeast portions of the Randall Park Neighborhood. Megan noted that the students found that three homes would possibly be eligible for the National Register. These include: 1015 Sixth Avenue, 529 Union Street, and 828 First Avenue. John Mann informed the Commission that the research would be made available to the Commission once final edits are made. The Commission thanked Megan for her presentation.
3. **Discussion of landmarks request for 1238 Graham Avenue.** The Commission continued their discussion of a request from Ed Garlick from EDJ Rentals to consider the local landmark designation of 1238 Graham Avenue. The Commission's review included a discussion of the history of the structure and its architecture. John Mann indicated that he wanted to do some additional research on the property.
4. **Recommendation on Section 106 review for antennas at 402 Water Street.** The Commission reviewed a Section 106 request to comment on a proposed project to replace cell antennas located on the roof of 402 Water Street. The building is located within the Water Street Commercial National Register District. A similar project was reviewed by the Commission in July, 2014. As in 2014, the Commission expressed concerns about the project although noted that the replacement antennas appeared to possibly have less square footage, although would be taller.

ACTION TAKEN: Brady Foust moved that the Commission find that the proposed replacement antennas would have a negative effect on the Water Street Commercial National Register Historic District as a whole and on 402 Water Street, but noted that the square footage of the replacement antennas may be somewhat smaller than the existing antennas. In addition, the applicant should consider alternatives to remove the existing antennas from the roof and relocate them to another location outside of the National Register District or consider other antenna design alternatives that would not be visible from the street. John Mann seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Discussion of Landmark Designation of Bridges.** The Commission noted that their work program called for the Commission to consider the local landmark designation of the High Bridge and S-bridge. Both have been identified as eligible for the National Register.

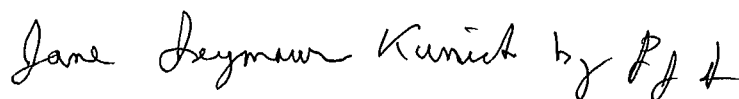
ACTION TAKEN: John Mann moved that the Commission initiate the process to consider local landmark designation of the High Bridge and S-bridge. Brady Foust seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Update on Landmark activities and properties, including:**

- A. **Landmark Tour Booklet.** Pat distributed copies of the completed Landmarks Tour Booklet. Pat thanked Commission members for their work on the booklet.
- B. **CLG Grant Project.** The Commission discussed the status of the CLG grant project. Pat Ivory noted that Legacy Architecture would be making a presentation to the Commission about their project findings, which is tentatively scheduled for the Commission's meeting in June.
- C. **Historic Building Contractor's Questionnaire.** Pat distributed copies of the tabulation of responses from the Commission's historic building contractor questionnaire.
- D. **Update on 1004 Menomonie Street.** Pat Ivory provided an update regarding 1004 Menomonie Street (the Kaiser Lumber Company Office) noting that Mr. Rolbiecki planned to submit plans for the exterior work on the building for the Commission's June meeting.
- E. **Preservation Month.** The City Council will consider a proclamation for Preservation Month at their May 10th meeting. Copies of the Landmark Booklet will be distributed.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,



Jane Seymour Kunick