

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of February 6, 2017

Members Present: John Mann, Dale Poynter, Ken Ziehr, Dave Strobel, Joan Myers, Brady Foust

Members Absent: Jane Seymour Kunick

Minutes: The minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

1. **Consideration of Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness.** The Commission reviewed the following applications for Certificate of Appropriateness:

A. 311 Hudson Street. Mr. Tim O'Brien was present at the meeting requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct an addition to the rear of his house and reside the house. The work includes the removal of an attached garage and rear screened porch. The property is a contributing property within the Randall Park Historic Landmark District. Mr. O'Brien indicated that the addition would extend out from the rear of the house approximately 9'6". He added that he is considering two alternatives for the addition. One involves a 2-story addition while the other would be only 1-story. The designs for both options were discussed. Both options would remove the non-conforming attached garage.

Mr. O'Brien also discussed the residing of the house. The house was constructed in approximately 1937 and was resided with aluminum siding sometime during the 1950s or 1960s.

Mr. Bill Pabich, the contractor for the project, discussed the residing project stating that trim around the windows and doors would be installed, noting that most of this trim was removed when it was most recently resided. The width of the proposed siding would be similar to the existing siding of 6 ½ inches. He added that a more decorative siding would be added in the gable area above the front door and that the garage would be resided to match.

The Commission discussed the width of the siding and questioned whether siding closer to 4 inches in width would be more appropriate. Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Pabich indicated that they had not yet checked to determine the width of the original siding. There was a discussion regarding what the appropriate siding width should be since the house was constructed in the 1930s. Mr. O'Brien did indicate that they would investigate to see if they could determine the width of the original siding, and would study the feasibility of a narrower siding.

ACTION TAKEN: Dale Poynter moved to approve the application for Certificate of Appropriateness for either addition design option and for the residing of the house noting that the applicant should also investigate the width of the original siding on the house and consider a narrower siding if the research determines that a narrower siding was originally installed. Ken Ziehr seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

B. 1004 Menomonie Street. Mr. James Rolbiecki was present at the meeting requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to make exterior modifications to 1004 Menomonie Street, the former Kaiser Lumber Company Office building as he converts the building into a restaurant/tavern. Proposed work includes: replacement of the south (front) steps, installation of two roof-top vents, enclosing a door on the east elevation, and installation of handicapped accessible ramp on the north (rear) side of the building. Mr. Rolbiecki noted that the roof-top vents could be painted to be less visually intrusive on the roof.

Ms. Rita Liddell, from Cedar Corp. was present at the meeting to discuss the design of the handicapped accessible ramp noting that the design was compact rather than more elongated or wrapping around other sides of the building. She stated that it would be difficult to construct the ramp (or portion of the ramp) on the east side of the building as much of the mechanical equipment would be located in this area.

The Commission and applicant had a discussion regarding the design of the canopy over the ramp and the stonework around the base of the ramp. Ken Ziehr noted that the x-bracing for the canopy seemed too elaborate and questioned whether a simpler bracing design would be better. However, other Commission members didn't have major objections to the proposed bracing. Regarding the masonry around the base of the ramp, the Commission suggested using a larger brick or block and running pattern to more resemble the basement stone material of the building.

It was also suggested that when the east doorway is replaced with a window, that the infill brick that is installed below the window be installed where the new bricks are placed using an interlocking or tooth-in fashion with the surrounding bricks. This will make the infill bricks visually blend in better with the existing masonry.

ACTION TAKEN: Brady Foust moved to approve the application for Certificate of Appropriateness contingent that the masonry brick/stonework around the perimeter of the ramp is designed to more closely resemble the existing stonework of the building and that the roof-top vents be painted. John Mann seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Ken Ziehr left the meeting.

- 2. Consideration of 2017 Work Program.** The Commission continued their discussion regarding the 2017 work program.

ACTION TAKEN: John Mann moved to approve the work program. Dale Poynter seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties, including:

- A. Report from Historic Preservation Foundation.** There was no report.
- B. March meeting.** The Commission discussed the date for the March meeting. Pat Ivory indicated that he may have a conflict on March 6th. Commission members indicated that they could meet on March 13th if necessary.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Seymour Kunick by Pfd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jane Seymour Kunick