

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of April 3, 2017**

**Members Present:** John Mann, Dale Poynter, Ken Ziehr, Dave Strobel, Joan Myers, Jane Seymour Kunick

**Members Absent:** Brady Foust

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

- 1. Update on Exterior Work to City Hall.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of the restoration work planned for City Hall (including the former public library). Pat noted that the Commission had previously discussed three projects that included: roof repairs, building cleaning and mortar repair, and window replacement. The State Historical Society has reviewed each of the projects and the City has revised the specifications for the window project based on input from the State. A fourth project is now proposed that includes the repair/rebuilding of the front steps of primarily the former library building.

Rod Bonesteel, Building and Grounds Supervisor, discussed the proposed work and provided photographs of the front steps of the former library building. Rod noted that repair work is very important as the condition of the steps is deteriorating very rapidly. The Commission discussed the proposed work and questioned whether a cast stone could be used as a replacement. Pat indicated that staff would be discussing this project with the State Historical Society.

- 2. Discussion of Landmarks Internship.** Pat Ivory informed the Commission that he had arranged an internship through UWEC for a public history student to work on several projects for the Commission. Pat introduced Nathan Why to the Commission. Nathan will be preparing several narratives for landmark yard plaques, assisting in the preparation of two landmark nominations, and updating the Commission's newsletter.
- 3. Discussion of Status of 526 Menomonie Street.** The Commission discussed a letter received from Mr. John Mogensen regarding 526 Menomonie Street, historically known as the Adin Randall House. Mr. Mogensen indicated that he is considering a redevelopment of the area which would include the Randall House. He indicated that he would be willing to donate the house provided it is relocated to a different location. Pat Ivory noted that the house is listed on the National Register, but not locally landmarked. It was locally designated at one time, but the property owner opted-out of the designation in 1992.

The Commission discussed the building and it was the consensus of the Commission that the historic importance of the house warranted efforts to preserve the building. Ken Ziehr indicated that he would discuss the issue with the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Association. They also asked Pat to determine if any City-owned parcels were located in the vicinity of the Randall

House. The Commission also discussed opportunities to partner with other organizations to preserve the house and assist with costs to move the house.

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties, including:

A. **Report from Historic Preservation Foundation.** There was no report.

B. **1004 Menomonie Street – Kaiser Lumber Company Office Building.** Dave Strobel updated the Commission on James Rolbiecki's plans to convert 1004 Menomonie Street into a restaurant/tavern.

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

Submitted by,

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

Jane Seymour Kunick