

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of May 1, 2017**

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

**Members Absent:** Ken Ziehr, Dave Strobel, Joan Myers

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

- 1. Consideration of Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to Install a Door/Exit Platform to the Rear of 210 Oakwood Place.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of a request from Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stromberger to install a door/exit platform to the rear of 210 Oakwood Place. The door and platform would provide access to the third floor ballroom area on the house. Mr. Stromberger and Jim Seymour, the contractor, were present at the meeting to discuss the project and answer questions. Mr. Stromberger indicated that the door would be a French-style design with an arched top to replicate a window on the front of the house and a window in the garage. The height of the door would be approximately seven feet, but Mr. Stromberger hoped to have the opening slightly smaller, depending on direction from the City Building Inspector.

The Commission discussed the application noting that the door would not be readily visible from the street. In discussing the color of the platform, it was noted that white would be the preferred color. The Commission did suggest that the applicant consider the addition of a skirting board beneath the platform to add some architectural detailing. They also suggested that the shorter height of the doorway would be preferred in order to be more in scale with the proposed location beneath the roof gable.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Brady Foust moved to approve the application for Certificate of Appropriateness recommending the addition of a skirting board to be placed beneath the platform/balcony and that the door height should be at the minimum allowable by code to provide the proper scale appearance beneath the roof gable. Dale Poynter seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

- 2. Update on 1004 Menomonie Street.** James Rolbiecki was present at the meeting and provided an update on his proposed restaurant/tavern project for the former Kaiser Lumber Company Office at 1004 Menomonie Street.
- 3. Update on Exterior Work to City Hall.** Pat Ivory and Dale Poynter provided an update on the exterior restoration work planned for City Hall (including the former public library). It was noted that the Wisconsin Historical Society will allow the use of cast stone as a replacement material for the deteriorated limestone.

4. **Discussion of Status of 526 Menomonie Street.** The Commission continued their discussion regarding a letter received from Mr. John Mogensen regarding 526 Menomonie Street, historically known as the Adin Randall House. Mr. Mogensen has 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. 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.

At the April meeting of the Commission, 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. 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.

Pat reviewed maps showing the location of City-owned property within the Randall Park Neighborhood and vacant lots within the neighborhood. It did not appear that any parcels were available in the vicinity of the Randall House. Pat indicated that he would talk to representatives of the Randall Park Neighborhood about the issue.

5. **Update on Landmark Activities and Properties:**

A. None

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by,



Jane Seymour Kunick