

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of June 5, 2017**

**Members Present:** Dale Poynter, Jane Seymour Kunick, Brady Foust, Ken Ziehr, Dave Strobel

**Members Absent:** John Mann, Joan Myers

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 1, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

1. **Presentation on Bleacher Replacement Project.** Jeff Pippenger, Director of the Community Services Department was present at the meeting to present information related to the bleacher replacement project at Carson Park. The existing bleachers are a metal, open frame style that are portable and moved to the football field in the fall. The new bleachers will be a permanent installation along the first base and third base lines of the baseball field and will include restrooms and concession facilities. The project addresses safety concerns of the present bleachers, as well as providing the additional restrooms and concession areas. The project does not involve any changes or work to the historic baseball grandstand.

Jeff noted that Ayres Associates will be preparing the plans for the bleachers with the objective of having the bleachers compliment the grandstand with a masonry finish with a color similar to the grandstand. Fund-raising for the project has begun and if completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, the project will begin this fall. Otherwise, the project will be delayed until 2018.

The Commission thanked Mr. Pippenger for his presentation and then discussed the project. They asked Mr. Pippenger for an opportunity to review the final design drawings, once completed by Ayres Associates.

2. **Discussion of Landmark Eligibility of 822 Third Avenue.** Pat Ivory informed the Commission that he had received a request from the owner of 822 Third Avenue to have his property designated as a local landmark property. The house was constructed in 1928 and is Colonial Revival style. The owner had provided some historical information about the house and Pat noted that John Mann's UWEC Public History class had completed historic research on the property. The Commission discussed the request and indicated that they would like to have John Mann review the request and provide a recommendation.

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

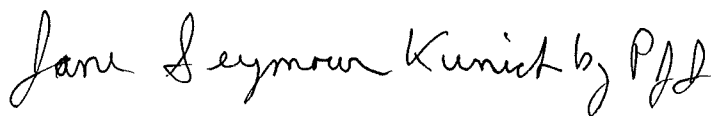
- A. **City Hall Exterior Renovations.** Pat Ivory updated the Commission on the status of the exterior renovation projects for City Hall. Pat noted that the Wisconsin Historical Society had given approval for the roof repairs, front entrance repairs, and building cleaning work. They

gave tentative approval for the window replacement project, subject to the submittal of final shop drawings.

- B. 526 Menomonie Street.** The Commission continued their discussion on the status of 526 Menomonie Street. Pat reviewed the maps that were discussed at the May meeting, noting a small number of privately owned properties in the Randall Park Neighborhood that would be classified as vacant. He noted that the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Association is supportive of working with Mr. Mogensen to preserve the building. Janice Wnukowski from the Historic Preservation Foundation (HPF) was present at the meeting and indicated that the HPF would be discussing the issue, but felt they would also be supportive of preserving the building. The Commission asked Pat to send a letter to Mr. Mogensen indicating that the Commission, neighborhood association, and HPF are interested preserving the building and inquire whether Mr. Mogensen would have a parcel available within the Randall Park Neighborhood that he would be willing to donate for the house.
- C. Yard Plaques.** Pat updated the Commission on the repair of several vandalized yard plaques and the installation of several new plaques.
- D. Report from HPF.** Janice Wnukowski, from the HPF updated the Commission on current Foundation projects. She noted that the Foundation now has a Facebook page, is planning for the fall home tour which is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will soon distribute a newsletter. She added that the Foundation hired an intern from the University to assist in projects and increasing their membership is a goal in the up-coming months.
- E. July Meeting.** The Commission decided to schedule their July meeting for July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

Submitted by,



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