

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of August 7, 2017

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

Members Absent: Brady Foust, Ken Ziehr

The meeting was chaired by John Mann in the North Conference Room and called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

1. **Discussion of 526 Menomonie Street.** The Commission continued their discussion regarding the status of 526 Menomonie Street (Adin Randall House). Pat Ivory informed the Commission that staff had sent a letter to Mr. Mogensen regarding questions of the Commission from the June Commission meeting. Mr. Mogensen had responded indicating that he could schedule a time to look at the house, but that he did not have any parcels available as potential sites to relocate the house.

Janet Wnukowski, from the Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation (HPF), indicated that the HPF would have some interest in the building, but did not have a site for relocation.

Anton Smets indicated that he would possibly have an interest in moving the house to use as a residence. This would be subject to determining the condition of the house and the feasibility of moving the structure.

The Commission thanked both the HPF and Mr. Smets for their interest in the house and asked staff to arrange a time for the HPF and Mr. Smets to visit the house.

2. **Discussion of Landmark Eligibility of 822 Third Avenue.** The Commission continued their discussion regarding the 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 Georgian Revival style. Pat indicated that the windows had recently been replaced and the Commission noted it was by a previous owner. The Commission discussed the request including comments from Ken Ziehr who was unable to attend the meeting. The Commission discussed criteria related to historical and architectural significance and how it might apply to the house. The Commission expressed some concern about the replacement of the windows, but noted that the remainder of the exterior of the house appeared to be quite intact.

The Commission indicated that they wanted to conduct additional research to determine if photos of the house might be available prior to the window replacement and earlier photos that would document that no other exterior changes had been made to the house. They also

discussed that the general number and location of Georgian Revival houses within the City should be considered. The Commission will continue their discussion at their next meeting.

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 window replacement work would be delayed until the other exterior work is completed. He noted that some of the office space areas within City Hall will also be remodeled in 2018.
- B. **Yard Plaques.** Pat Ivory updated the Commission on the installation of several new plaques. He also discussed the possibility of installing a larger recreational trail plaque for the High Bridge and presented a draft narrative.

ACTION TAKEN: Dave Strobel moved that the Commission proceed with fabricating and installing a plaque for the High Bridge and authorizing the associated expenses. Dale Poynter seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Pat also indicated that he had been contacted by an individual inquiring whether a recreational trail marker could be considered at McDonough Park to recognize Frank McDonough. Pat indicated that research completed by the Chippewa Valley Museum could not document a connection between the park and Mr. McDonough. John Mann indicated that he would also research the issue.

- C. **Report from HPF.** Janice Wnukowski, from the HPF updated the Commission on current Foundation projects. She noted that the Foundation is planning for the fall home tour which is scheduled for September 23rd. She added that the Foundation hired an intern from the University to assist in various projects.
- D. **September Meeting.** The Commission decided to schedule their September meeting for September 11th.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by,



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