

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of September 11, 2017

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

Members Absent: Brady Foust

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 August 7, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

- 1. 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. The Commission discussed the style of the house noting it was Colonial Revival with Georgian Revival influences.

At the previous meeting, 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 that would document whether other exterior changes had been made to the house. They also discussed that the general number and location of similar style houses within the City should be considered.

Pat Ivory noted that he had reviewed photos of the house dating back to 1981 which indicated that no other exterior changes had been made to the house. He also reviewed the listing of properties on the National Register and local register having a similar architectural style and noted that one of the five of the designated Colonial Revival homes in the City are located in the Randall Park area and none of the five designated Georgian Revival homes are located in the neighborhood. It was also noted that the garage or outbuilding was designed and constructed of the same style of the house, which appeared to be unique.

The Commission discussed the house and how to evaluate the importance of the replacement windows when determining the significance of the house. They discussed the general criteria used for the National Register properties and noted that there would be somewhat greater flexibility at the local level. It was also noted that the replacement windows had a different muntin pattern than the original windows. The Commission also discussed the history of the family that had lived in the house from the time it was constructed until 2015. It was also noted that the style was unique for the neighborhood. Finally, it was noted that designating the property would protect the property from inappropriate exterior changes.

ACTION TAKEN: John Mann moved that the Commission schedule a public hearing to consider local designation of 822 Third Avenue. Jane Seymour Kunick seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ken Ziehr and Dave Strobel voting no.

John Mann left the meeting.

2. **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 toured the house with Mr. and Mrs. Smets and Janet Wnukowski. Dale Poynter, Jane Seymour Kunick, and John Mann also walked through the house. The Commission discussed the condition of the house and those that toured the house expressed their disappointment in its condition. They also questioned the feasibility of moving the house and whether any further expenditure of time to consider moving the property should occur. It was suggested that Commission efforts would probably be better spent on other projects and activities such as those listed on the Commission's work program.

Janet Wnukowski, from the Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation (HPF), also noted her disappointment about the condition of the house. However, she indicated that two members of the HPF Board of Directors would like to tour the house before the HPF makes a final decision.

Pat Ivory indicated that he would arrange a time for the tour.

3. **Update on Landmark Activities and Properties:**
 - A. **City Hall Exterior Renovations.** Dale Poynter updated the Commission on the status of the exterior renovation projects for City Hall.
 - B. **Report from HPF.** Janice Wnukowski, from the HPF updated the Commission on the fall home tour which is scheduled for September 23rd.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by,



Jane Seymour Kunick