

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of November 6, 2017

Members Present: John Mann, Ken Ziehr, Jane Seymour Kunick, Dave Strobel, Joan Myers, Brady Foust

Members Absent: Dale Poynter

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 September 11, 2017 meeting were approved as written. (No meeting in October.)

- 1. Public Hearing and consideration of 822 Third Avenue as a local landmark property.** The Landmarks Commission held a public hearing to consider the designation of 822 Third Avenue as a local landmark property. The house was constructed in 1928. The Commission discussed the style of the house noting it was Adam Colonial Revival. There are few homes of this style within the Randall Park Neighborhood. Pat Ivory provided an overview of the nomination discussing the architecture and history of the house, noting that members of the George Losby family lived in the house from 1928 to 2015.

Pat added that the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Association had submitted a letter in support of the designation.

Mr. Richard Peterson, owner of the property was present at the meeting and noted his support for the designation. Mr. Peterson added that he had placed information about the history of the house on Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/George-J-Losby-House/232165627207064>).

The Commission thanked Mr. Peterson in his interest in having his home designated as a local landmark property.

ACTION TAKEN: Ken Ziehr moved to designate 822 Third Avenue as a local landmark property finding that the property embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type that is inherently valuable for the study of a particular period. Joan Myers seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

- 2. Consideration of Landmark designation request for 221 Washington Street.** The Commission was informed that the owners of 221 Washington Street (the Martin Van Buren Barron House) had contacted staff to request the Landmarks Commission to consider local landmark designation of the property. The house was locally designated but a previous owner had opted out of the

designation in 1992. The house is listed on the National Register and is individually eligible for the local register.

ACTION TAKEN: Brady Foust moved that the Commission schedule a public hearing to consider the local designation of 211 Washington Street. Dave Strobel seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties:

- A. Discussion of 526 Menomonie Street.** Commission discussed the status of 526 Menomonie Street. Pat noted that the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Association is inquiring about the feasibility of moving the house to a lot located at the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and West Grand Avenue. The house at this location was recently damaged by a fire and will be razed. Pat indicated that he would contact the Historic Preservation Foundation and suggest they talk with the neighborhood association.
- B. Report from HPF.** No report.
- C. Recreational Trail Historic Marker.** The Commission was informed that Jeff and John Guettinger contacted the City indicating their interest in sponsoring the recreational trail historic marker for the High Bridge. The Commission expressed their appreciation for the sponsorship and noted that they anticipated dedicating the marker in the spring.
- D. Commission membership.** The Commission discussed the status of the membership terms on the Commission. Brady Foust indicated his interest in serving a second term on the Commission.
- E. December meeting.** The Commission noted that the December meeting of the Commission may be cancelled.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by,



Jane Seymour Kunick