

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of August 6, 2018

Members Present: Dale Poynter, Ken Ziehr, Dave Strobel, Joan Myers, Brady Foust

Members Absent: John Mann, Jane Seymour Kunick

Visitors: Kathy Attermeier, Janice Wnukowski

The meeting was chaired by Dale Poynter in the Chippewa Room of the L.E. Phillips Public Library and called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

1. **Discussion of State Theatre.** The Commission continued their discussion regarding the State Theatre and efforts of the Regional Arts Council to sell the building. Pat Ivory noted that the letter authorized by the Commission at the last meeting had been sent to the Regional Arts Council regarding the Commission's concerns about requiring a non-compete clause for the sale of the property. Pat indicated that he had not received a reply from the Regional Arts Council. Brady Foust who also is on the Board of the Confluence Council discussed the letter and noted that title to the property would soon be transferred to the Confluence Council. He indicated that the provisions of the non-compete clause could be modified. Other Commission members expressed concerns that having the provisions could limit interest in organizations even pursuing any initial inquiries about the property. The Commission also questioned if the State Theatre could be used for overflow performances since the Pablo Center was originally proposed to include three theaters. Brady noted that there had been discussions about mothballing the theater for possible future use. The Commission thanked Brady for his input and asked if the Confluence Council could respond back to the Commission in writing.

Kathy Attermeier was present at the meeting and expressed concern about the future of the theater and the non-compete clause.

Janice Wnukowski, from the Historic Preservation Foundation also expressed concern about the non-compete clause and encouraged the Confluence Council to market the building to allow reasonable uses to be considered.

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

A. **Historic Markers and Plaques.** Pat Ivory informed the Commission that several yard plaques had been installed at properties that were locally designated over the past year. In addition, the recreational trail plaque for the High Bridge would be finished soon and Pat was anticipating a dedication of the plaque this fall.

- B. Update from HPF.** Janice Wnukowski provided an update of Foundation activities. Projects included the business building search article in the Leader Telegram, the award of two grants, and the up-coming fall house tour scheduled for September 29th. Janice also noted that they had an intern from UWEC assisting the Foundation.
- C. Fall Preservation Conference.** Pat informed the Commission about the fall preservation conference to be held on October 26th and 27th at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.
- D. September meeting.** The Commission discussed the meeting date for September due to the Labor Day holiday. The Commission indicated that Tuesday, September 4th would be a possible date for the meeting, but noted that the Commission could wait to meet until October for their regular meeting if needed.

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

Submitted by,


Jane Seymour Kunick