

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of December 2, 2019

Members Present: John Mann, Dale Poynter, Ken Ziehr, Brady Foust, David Klinkhammer

Members Absent: Jane Seymour Kunick, Joan Myers

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

Minutes: The minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

- 1. Consideration of an application for Certificate of Appropriateness for 1300 First Avenue to install a mobile wireless antenna and equipment cabinet.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Eric Lennington from Ton80 Realty Services, on behalf of Verizon Wireless for 1300 First Avenue to install a mobile wireless antenna and equipment cabinet. The property is the former Parks and Recreation Building that was converted into apartments in 2015. As part of the conversion of the building into apartments, the building was placed on the National Register in 2014. Listing of the building related to the historic association of the building with the Eau Claire Vocational School. The building was occupied by the Vocational School from 1941 to 1967. The building was constructed in 1904 and occupied by a number of different businesses including the National Biscuit Company. The building was locally designated in 2016 because of its connection with the cultural and social history of the community.

Verizon Wireless is proposing to install a wireless antenna on the west side of the building on top of an existing chimney. The antenna would be concealed with a covering that would resemble the brickwork of the chimney. As part of the installation, an equipment cabinet would also be installed. The cabinet will also be located on the west side of the building on a rooftop below the antenna. The equipment would be screened with an 8' high enclosure that also would resemble the brickwork of the building.

Because of federal regulations related to wireless installations and historic properties, the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) was required to review the project. Upon review by the State, they approved the installation as proposed.

In review of the application, the listing of the building on the National Register and local register was based on the historic association of the building with the Vocational School. The criterion of architectural significance was not a basis for either listing. The addition of the antenna and equipment is a non-permanent installation and will be concealed using materials resembling the brickwork of the building.

Eric Lennington was present at the meeting and discussed the installation of the antenna and equipment cabinet.

ACTION TAKEN: Brady Foust moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Ken Ziehr seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

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2. **Discussion of Commission Annual Work Program.** The Commission discussed the status of projects listed on the Commission's 2019 work program. Pat Ivory noted that the Commission would discuss their 2020 work program at their January meeting.
3. **Discussion of Commission Membership.** Pat Ivory noted that Ken Ziehr and Jane Seymour Kunick would be finishing their second terms on the Commission at the end of the year. Pat thanked both for their work on the Commission and invited them to come back to either the January or February meeting for the Commission to recognize their service. Pat also noted that John Mann would be completing his first full term on the Commission and would be eligible for a second full term.
4. **Update from the HPF.** Janice Wnukowski provided an update of recent HPF activities including: the home tour and the Leader Telegram house hunt. Janice also noted that the Preservation Board planned to survey their membership to determine future plans for the organization. They also are considering a couple grant requests related to historic preservation projects in the area.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Seymour Kunick by PDD". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jane Seymour Kunick