

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of July 6, 2020

Members Present: John Mann, Dale Poynter, Jenny Ebert, Greg Kocken, Brady Foust, David Klinkhammer, Joan Myers

Members Absent: None

The meeting was chaired by John Mann and called to order at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was held online via Webex.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

- 1. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing for local landmark designation of 204 East Grand Avenue.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of a request from the owners of 204 East Grand Avenue for the Commission to consider local landmark designation of 204 East Grand Avenue. This is the former Well Fargo Building. The building was constructed in 1930 by the Scandinavian American Fraternity. Pat noted that the Commission had previously contacted the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) about the potential eligibility of the building for the National Register. After review from the WHS, it was determined that the building was not eligible at that time. This was a decision that the Commission did not support. The Commission discussed the history and architecture of the building and indicated that they felt that the building was potentially eligible for the local register. The Commission also suggested that the building owners contact the WHS again to inquire whether the building might now be eligible for the National Register because of the proposed plans to restore the west side of the building.

ACTION TAKEN: David Klinkhammer moved to recommend that the Commission schedule a public hearing to consider local designation of the building. Brady Foust seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

- 2. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing for local designation of the Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul Railroad Bridge.** The Commission discussed the local landmark eligibility of the Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul Railroad Bridge (Phoenix Park Bridge). Pat Ivory noted that consideration of designating the bridge was on the Commission's work program for 2020.

ACTION TAKEN: David Klinkhammer moved to recommend that the Commission schedule a public hearing to consider local designation of the bridge. Brady Foust seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

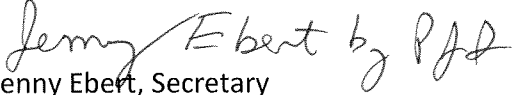
- 3. Update on future historic walking tours.** Greg Kocken informed the Commission that he was coordinating with the Chippewa Valley Museum to schedule two walking tours of the Third Ward. The tours will be held on July 21st and 27th and will be limited to 15 participants. Registration is through the Chippewa Valley Museum. Greg also noted that he is anticipating hosting cemetery tours of Forest Hill Cemetery in 2021.

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4. **Update on Landmark projects and activities.** Pat Ivory provided an update of Landmarks projects and activities including: the loan project for 1435 Park Avenue, potential landmark designation of 618 South Farwell Street, and landmark plaque upkeep.
5. **September meeting.** The Commission discussed the meeting date for the September meeting. Due to Labor Day being on September 7th, the Commission decided to meet on the following Monday, September 14th.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,


Jenny Ebert, Secretary