

Landmarks Commission Minutes February 6, 2023

Members Present: Raivo Balciunas, Dave Barnes, Jenny Ebert, Robert Gough, Jeremy

Gragert, Greg Kocken

Members Absent: Rick Schemm

Staff Present: Claire Lovelace, Ned Noel, Steve Plaza

The following items were on the agenda:

1. Call to order

Ms. Ebert called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Roll call

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Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

3. Election of Officers

Mr. Gragert moved Mr. Schemm be secretary. Seconded by Mr. Balciunas. Mr. Gough moved Mr. Kocken be vice-chair. Seconded by Mr. Balciunas. Mr. Kocken moved Ms. Ebert be chair. Seconded by Mr. Balciunas. All motions carried.

4. Approval of 12/5/22 Minutes

Mr. Kocken moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Balciunas and the motion carried.

Certificate of Appropriateness – Carson Park Baseball Stadium Scoreboard

5. Open public comment period None.

Mr. Noel presented the staff report and stated the area in question only falls within official National Register review but a local recommendation would be useful. The proposed scoreboard would be roughly 37' tall by 32.25' wide- specifically at 927.5 square feet maximum per the following. It would include a 585 square foot (18' by 32.25') video board, a 162.5 square foot (5' by 32.5') static scoreboard located below the video board, and a space for an TBD ad sign above the video board that would be maximum 180 square foot (6' by 30').

Mr. Plaza spoke in support from the Parks Division. Eau Claire Express owner Craig Toycen stated they could try to reuse the "EC" Bears logo and possibly save the existing lattice structure.

Mr. Balciunas moved to recommend approval to the State Historic Preservation Office of the scoreboard as presented and to preserve the old "EC" Bears logo someplace and try to save the lattice structure. Seconded by Mr. Barnes and the motion carried.

7. Updates: Landmark Listings, Landmark Story Map, etc.

Claire Lovelace provided an updated on the historic landmarks story map project. The effort is a collaboration between the City and UWEC. Members were supportive and suggested to add non-extant or other future landmarks.

The updated landmark listing and the 2023 work plan was presented by Mr. Noel for feedback. The commission was supportive of applying for CBDG funding at \$25,000 for the historic rehabilitation loan program.

8. Other business agenda items

None.

9. Future agenda items and announcements

Mr. Kocken stated the bylaws should be updated and to start considering landmarking Forest Hill Cemetery. There was discussion about possible future survey work as suggested by the members.

10. Adjournment

Chair Ebert adjourned the commission meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rick Schemm, Secretary