



Members Present: Raivo Balciunas, Dave Barnes, Jenny Ebert, Robert Gough, Greg Kocken, Rick Schemm

Members Absent: Charlie Johnson

Staff Present: Peter Baumgartner, Ned Noel

Public Present: Milissa Day

The following items were on the agenda:

- 1. Call to order**
Chair Ebert called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
- 2. Roll call**
Roll was taken and a quorum was present.
- 3. Approval of 8/7/23 Minutes**
Member Gough moved to approve and Member Balciunas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Certificate of Appropriateness – 920 Farwell**
Postponed to the October 2nd meeting.
- 5. Historic Rehabilitation Loan Update**
Mr. Noel explained the loan, noted that there are people inquiring about it, and that the grant funding is available until 2024. Ebert asked about repayment.
- 6. Nomination Consideration – 109 & 125 Marston Ave.**
Mr. Noel gave some background on 109 Marston Ave., noted that it was contributing to the historic district, and went over original survey info from 1981. The Commission noted their concerns and reservations on landmarking the property due to changes made to the house, including the sweeping front steps, the curved walkway to the sidewalk, the removal of the shutters, and the change to the symmetry of the front entrance area. It was also noted that a founder of SDS Architects also lived there and the garage was changed from a one stall to a two-stall garage. Ultimately, the Landmarks Commission opted to not move forward with the nomination.

Mr. Noel gave some background on the 125 Marston Ave from the state website. After some discussion on the architectural integrity and the historical connections that the home had to the second generation of the Wilcox family, it was decided that this would be a sound nomination.

Milissa Day, the owner, noted that she wanted to redo the front steps and paint the front of the building.

Mr. Gough suggested that it should be called the Wilcox/Coy House. Motion by Gough, 2nd by Kocken to move ahead with the nomination of the structure with Kocken suggesting that architectural style of the building be researched further.

7. High Bridge Restoration Award Event

Noel noted that the City of Eau Claire was going to be awarded for the restoration of the High Bridge on October 13th at 11:00 am, and invited the Commission. Chair Ebert suggested that the photographer should also be invited. Noel also noted that staff is still waiting for the national recognition.

8. Forest Hill Cemetery Update

Mr. Gough gave an update on the process to consider the landmarking of the site, suggesting that they create a process of approval/considerations for cemeteries, a draft of which was provided on a handout. Mr. Kocken noted that the existing standards are very building centric and asked if this would necessitate a revision of the ordinance. Noel noted that this could be addressed as part of the Century Code update and that it can be ran past the Parks and Cemetery staff.

9. Future agenda items and announcements

- Rescheduling 920 S Farwell's Certificate of Appropriateness hearing to October 2nd.
- Public Hearing for the local landmark's nomination of 109 Marston St.
- November 6th meeting to be cancelled/rescheduled due to a conflict with the Zoning Policy Advisory Committee.
- The 2023 Local History and Historic Preservation Conference will be held at the La Crosse Center, October 18-20.

10. Adjournment

Chair Ebert called for adjournment of the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Submitted by,



Rick Schemm,
Secretary