

10/1/12 - Monday, October 1, 2012

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of October 1, 2012

Members Present: Katrinka Bourne, Kathy Mitchell, Patrick Kurtenbach, Jim Seymour, Ken Ziehr, Karen Nusbaum, Carrie Ronnander

Members Absent: None

Minutes. The minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Katrinka Bourne and called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

1. Discussion and Comment on Confluence Redevelopment Project. The Commission continued their discussion regarding the confluence redevelopment project and its impact on the Confluence National Register Historic District. Pat Ivory informed the Commission that the schedule for the rezoning for the project was moved back again, with the tentative date of the Plan Commission public hearing on November 5th and City Council public hearing on November 12th. The Commission reviewed the information submitted by Ayres Associates for the proposed rezoning and the National Register nomination for the historic district. Pat noted that the Kline™s Department Store property was designated as an individual National Register property in 1984 and the district was designated in 2007.

The Commission reviewed a City Council resolution in support regarding the project. The resolution includes six contingencies, with one stating, œDetermination of the current œNational Register of Historic Places status of each property located on the west side of the first block of South Barstow Street, between the Eau Claire River and Eau Claire Street, that is proposed for either demolition or incorporation into this district.

As noted at the previous meeting, the Commission was not required to review the project, but felt that it would be appropriate for the Commission to comment on the proposal, particularly since the plan proposes the demolition of the buildings within the National Register District. The Commission also discussed when they would like to formally review and comment on the project based on the Plan Commission and City Council scheduled reviews. The Commission suggested that it might be beneficial to hold a special meeting towards the end of October. This meeting would include a presentation by the developer group and a discussion by the Commission. The Commission could then provide comments to the City Council at this meeting or wait until their regular meeting on November 5th. They also discussed the need to clarify the status of the properties within the redevelopment area in relation to the National Register District based on conflicting testimony at a recent City Council meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Carrie Ronnander moved that the Commission schedule a special meeting towards the end of October that would include a formal presentation by the developer group. In addition, that a subcommittee of the Commission be formed including Ken Ziehr, Katrinka Bourne, and herself to prepare the following: a summary of the status of the properties within the Confluence National Register District in relation to the project area, review and comment on the project report submitted by Ayres Associates; and develop preliminary recommendations on the project for the Commission. Kathy Mitchell seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and Comment on National Register Nomination for 1819 Lyndale Avenue. The Commission reviewed a letter from the Wisconsin Historical Society notifying the City that they had received the National Register nomination for 1819 Lyndale Avenue. The nomination had been prepared for the Commission by Timothy Hegglund. The Wisconsin Historical Society is requesting comments from the City on the nomination.

The building is a single-family home, constructed in 1949. It is a pre-fabricated steel structure constructed by the Lustron Corporation in Columbus, Ohio.

ACTION TAKEN: Ken Ziehr moved that the Commission support the National Register nomination for 1819 Lyndale Avenue. Karen Nusbaum seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Update of Landmark Activities and Properties, including:

A. Update from Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation. Pat Kurtenbach provided an update of Foundation activities. He informed the Commission that the HPF Board had completed an informational brochure for the buildings within the confluence redevelopment project area. The brochure provides a brief overview of the buildings.

Pat Kurtenbach also indicated that the intern working for the Foundation was updating the Foundation™s website.

B. Report on Wisconsin Historical Society Regional Meeting. Pat Kurtenbach provided an overview of a regional meeting held by the Wisconsin Historical Society on September 7th in Thorp, Wisconsin.

C. Report on Wisconsin Historical Society Fall Conference. The Commission discussed the fall conference sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society held in Madison, on September 28th and 29th. The conference was attended by several Commission members.

D. Other Items.

1) Commissioner Recognition Event. Pat Ivory encouraged Commission members to attend the Commission recognition program scheduled for October 4th in the North Conference Room.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary