

7/2/12 - Monday, July 2, 2012

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of July 2, 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 June 4, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Katrinka Bourne and called to order at 4:35 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

1. Review of National Register Nomination for 1819 Lyndale Avenue.

The Commission reviewed the National Register nomination prepared for 1819 Lyndale Avenue. The property is a Lustron house constructed in 1949. A Lustron house is a prefabricated structure of steel construction, including exterior walls, roofing, framing, and interior walls, cabinets, etc. The materials were delivered to a site and assembled on a concrete slab. There are three Lustron Houses in Eau Claire and one in Altoona. The house on Lyndale is the most intact of the four homes. The Lustron Company was in business from only 1948 to 1950 and it is estimated that 65 such homes were built in Wisconsin.

The nomination was prepared by Timothy Heggland for the Landmarks Commission. Mr. Heggland had previously updated the City™s Historic Intensive Survey, which included the Eastside Hill Neighborhood. The Lustron house was>

Mr. Heggland informed the City that the State Historical Society Review Board will be considering the nomination in either October of this year or February of 2013.

2. 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 was in the process of seeking input from the Wisconsin Historical Society and National Park Service regarding the proposed redevelopment project south of the Eau Claire River and west of South Barstow Street.

B. Discussion of Confluence Redevelopment Project. Pat Ivory indicated that staff had been in contact with a representative from the proposed redevelopment at the confluence of the two rivers and that he would like to schedule a community informational meeting using the Downtown œldea Lounge format to obtain input from the community regarding the project. This meeting would be scheduled in July or August. The developer would also like to schedule meetings with the Landmarks Commission and Redevelopment Authority, possibly a joint meeting to discuss the project and its impact on the Confluence National Register Historic District.

C. Update on Porch Repairs at 310 Lake Street. Pat Ivory informed the Commission that he had talked with John Mogensen and the building inspectors about the porch railing at 310 Lake Street. The inspectors indicated that the existing railing could be repaired without changing its height. If the railing is to be replaced, then the railing height will have to be increased as provided by code.

D. Update on Residing Work at 1302 State Street. Pat Ivory informed the Commission that Mr. Garlick is still in the process of preparing the information on the project for the Commission. Further discussion of this item was postponed until the Mr. Garlick is able to provide the information.

E. Update on City Hall Building Analysis Grant Applications. Pat Ivory informed the Commission that the grant application to the Eau Claire Community Foundation for the City Hall building analysis was not approved. The grant application to the National Trust has been submitted, but the City has not heard about its status.

F. Other Items.

1) Commendations. Ken Ziehr stated the St. Patrick™s Church, which is on the National Register, recently replaced the roof of the church. He noted that the work was in keeping with the architecture of the church and showed good craftsmanship. Ken suggested that a letter be sent to the church commending them for the improvement.

ACTION TAKEN: Ken Ziehr moved that the Commission send a letter to St. Patrick™s Church commending them for the work done on the roof of the church. Karen Nusbaum seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

2) Contractors Listing. Ken noted that he had received information from a property owner about two contractors doing restoration work within the Randall Park Neighborhood that the owner was very pleased with their work. Ken indicated that he would get their names so that they could be added to the Commission™s contractor listing. The Commission discussed that updating the contractor listing should be considered by the Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary

