

4/2/12 - Monday, April 2, 2012

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of April 2, 2012

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

Members Absent: Ken Ziehr

Minutes. The minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Katrinka Bourne and called to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Update on 310 Lake Street.

The Commission continued their discussion from the previous meeting regarding the restoration work occurring at 310 Lake Street specifically relating to the porch. The property was damaged by fire and the Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness in 2010 to allow for the reconstruction/repair of the 6-plex to match the original design as close as possible.

As discussed at the March meeting, Mr. Mogensen had reviewed the work to be completed on the porch, including the railing and front skirting below the porch floor. The Commission suggested using lattice material similar to that used for the porch at 1408 State Street. Pat Ivory indicated that in discussing this further with Mr. Mogensen, he stated he would like to install the square lattice material with it oriented parallel with the ground. He also planned to add extensive landscaping around structure, including the porch.

The Commission reviewed photos of the porch and felt that the work on the porch should be considered repair versus replacement and, therefore, shouldn't trigger a building code requirement where the railing would have to be raised to 36 inches. If work progresses to the threshold where the railing height would be impacted, then the landscaping/terracing treatment similar to that used at 1408 State Street should be pursued. The Commission indicated that they did not want to see the railing height increased as it would have a significant effect on the appearance of the building.

ACTION TAKEN: Kathy Mitchell moved that the horizontal lattice material be installed as skirting around the base of the porch and that Mr. Mogensen attempt to undertake porch repair work that would allow the existing railing height to be retained without the installation of terracing around the base of the porch. If code requirements would require the 36 inch railing height, that the landscaping/terracing be undertaken in order to comply with the code requirements, thus preserving the existing height of the railing. Karen Nusbaum seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of Preservation Month Activity.

The Commission continued their discussion regarding possible activities for Preservation Month. This included a walking tour featuring several of the waterway plaques and participating in the City's clean-up day. Pat Ivory suggested that another

The Commission decided to proceed with sponsoring the open house as a Preservation Month activity, subject to final approval of Mr. Mogensen. It was suggested that the Randall Park Neighborhood be informed of the open house and asked to help publicize the event. Pat noted that the open house would still be subject to scheduling arrangements with Mr. Mogensen. Carrie Ronnander indicated that she could assist in preparing a brochure about the history of the house.

The Commission also discussed asking the City Council to read a proclamation for Preservation Month.

3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Update from Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation. Pat Kurtenbach provided an update of Foundation activities, which included the home tour in May, and the annual meeting in April. The date of the annual meeting will be set within a week and Pat will inform Commission members of the date as soon as it is set.

B. Update on City Hall Building Analysis/Grant Applications. Pat Ivory noted that the City had not been notified yet regarding the grant application submitted to the Eau Claire Community Foundation to assist in funding the building analysis of the City Hall building complex. The City's 2012 budget includes \$50,000 to undertake this study to look at such factors as: ADA issues, restrooms, exterior conditions, electrical, roofs, doors, windows, flooring, wall coverings and office upgrades to meet current technology demands. It would also consider the historic character of the building complex. A grant application will also be submitted to the National Trust for Historic Preservation by June 1st.

C. Upcoming Preservation Events. The Commission discussed several upcoming preservation events, including one sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions to be held in late April in Madison. The fall conference of the Wisconsin Historical Society was also discussed.

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

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary