

11/7/11 - Monday, November 7, 2011

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of November 7, 2011

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Katrinka Bourne, Karen Nusbaum, Carrie Ronnander, Kathy Mitchell, Ken Ziehr

Members Absent: Patrick Kurtenbach

Minutes. The minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

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

1. Welcome New Commission Member.

The Commission welcomed Ken Ziehr to the Commission. Ken will complete the unexpired term of Barbara Lozar.

2. Discussion of City Hall Building Analysis and Updates.

The Commission discussed a proposal in the 2012 City budget to hire a consultant to conduct an analysis of the City Hall building complex to determine the condition of the building with respect to HVAC, electrical, roofs, doors, windows, flooring, wall coverings, lighting, ADA requirements, and related office upgrade needs to meet current technology demands. Kathy Mitchell indicated that she felt that the analysis would also look at the building™s exterior walls and stairways on the front of the building.

The Commission discussed the interior of the building and hoped the analysis would consider the historic character relating to refurbishing or restoring the building. The North Conference Room was specifically discussed and the need to not only repair the roof and water damage, but possibly restore the historic character of the room from when it was used as the City Council Chambers. It was mentioned that restoration work could possibly focus on one room such as the North Conference Room.

The 2012 budget includes \$50,000 to undertake this study. The Commission discussed other sources to assist in funding the study and funding sources that could assist in making actual improvements to enhance the historic character of the building. Pat Ivory indicated that he would contact the Wisconsin Historical Society for input and Carrie Ronnander and Katrinka Bourne would also research possible organizations that might provide funding assistance.

3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Commission Membership. The Commission discussed the current terms of the Commission members noting that Jenny Ebert would be completing her second term at the end of the year. Possible replacements were discussed.

B. Update from Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation. Pat Kurtenbach was not at the meeting to provide an update of Foundation activities.

C. 447 McKinley Avenue. The Commission reviewed the letter sent to the owners of 447 McKinley Avenue concerning the Commission™s recommendations regarding their entryway.

D. Status of Third Ward Report. The Commission discussed the status of the Third Ward Historic Landmark District Report forwarded to the City Manager several months ago.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary