

2/7/11 - Monday, February 7, 2011

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of February 7, 2011

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Katrinka Bourne, David Klinkhammer, Barbara Lozar, Carrie Ronnander, Patrick Kurtenbach

Members Absent: Karen Nusbaum

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

The meeting was chaired by Jenny Ebert.

1. Update and Direction on Certificate of Appropriateness for 310 Lake Street.

Pat Ivory updated the Commission regarding the status of 310 Lake Street. The Commission had approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property on August 16, 2010 to allow the substantial repair of the fire damaged property. Pat indicated that the owner, Mr. John Mogensen had completed the removal of the damaged portions of the building and would soon be starting the reconstruction. The conditions of approval from the Commission indicated that plans for the reconstruction should be reviewed by the Commission prior to commencing this next phase of the project.

Mr. John Mogensen, owner of the property (a 6-plex) was present at the meeting to discuss the project. Mr. Mogensen indicated that he had hired an architect to prepare plans for the reconstruction. He reviewed the floor plans for the structure and noted that no additional windows would be added as part of the reconstruction. As noted at the August 16, 2010 meeting of the Commission, the structure would be rebuilt to match the pre-fire appearance of the building. He indicated that he would be using photographs to aid in the reconstruction.

ACTION TAKEN: Barbara Lozar moved that the reconstruction phase of the project proceed and that Mr. Mogensen provide a progress report to the Commission when the wall and roof framing is completed. Katrinka Bourne seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of Third Ward Landmark District Questionnaire.

Commission reviewed a summary of the tabulated results from the questionnaires that were mailed out to property owners that opted out of the local landmark district, those property owners that remained in the district, and also to property owners within the proposed expansion district. Pat Ivory indicated that the questionnaires were mailed to the property owners on January 10th and a reminder letter was sent to non-responders on January 24th. He expected a few more questionnaires to be returned during the next few days.

It was noted that the Commission had now completed the items requested by the City Council when consideration of reinstatement of the opted out properties was tabled by the City Council. Pat stated that the City Manager had indicated that the Commission should prepare a report summarizing the findings of the Commission and send it to his office. He will in turn forward it to the members of the City Council in one of their informational packets. Commission members indicated that they would like to review the summary report prior to having it forwarded to the City Manager™'s Office.

3. Discussion of 2011 Commission Work Program.

The Commission continued their discussion of their proposed work program for 2011. Pat Ivory noted several projects undertaken by staff or the Commission that were on-going from 2010.

The Commission discussed several of the projects including the review of recommendations contained in the Historic Preservation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and the purpose statement contained in the Landmarks Ordinance. Several Commission members felt that it would be beneficial to write a mission statement based on the direction of the Comprehensive Plan and the purpose statement. Katrinka Bourne indicated that she would prepare an initial draft, although Commission members stated that they should first review and discuss the recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan.

Carrie Ronnander indicated that she could provide the Commission with an overview of reference materials available for researching the history of a property. This could be done at the Chippewa Valley Museum, with the April meeting being the tentative date.

The Commission also discussed whether they would be able to utilize interns from John Mann™'s Public History>

Preservation Week/Month was also discussed. Pat Ivory noted that he had received an email from Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. regarding the Downtown clean-up event scheduled for May 14th. Pat noted that the clean-up of the lawn or yard areas for a public-historic property would be a possible project for the Downtown clean-up and Preservation Week/Month. Preservation Week/Month will be discussed further at the Commission™'s March meeting.

It was the consensus of the Commission that they proceed with the 2011 work program as distributed, with the addition of the discussion of the property research information.

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Update from Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation. Pat Kurtenbach provided an update of Foundation activities, which included their annual meeting in April, home tour in May and house hunt contest in the fall. Pat noted that the Foundation would be hiring an intern from Dr. Mann™s Public History>

B. South Barstow Street Reconstruction. The Commission discussed the February 1st public meeting regarding the planned reconstruction of South Barstow Street and possible riverbank improvements near the confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers.

C. Carson Park Baseball Stadium Field. Pat Ivory informed the Commission that a request had been submitted to the Waterways and Parks Commission to name the field at the Carson Park Baseball Stadium after Harv Tomter. The Waterways and Parks Commission will consider other naming nominations at their April meeting.

D. Next Meeting. The Commission agreed to schedule their next regular meeting for Monday, March 14, 2011.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary