

12/6/10 - Monday, December 6, 2010

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of December 6, 2010

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Katrinka Bourne, Sue Nelson, David Klinkhammer, Barbara Lozar, Ken Fulgione, Carrie Ronnander

Members Absent: None

Minutes. The minutes of the November 1, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Jenny Ebert.

1. Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for 616 Graham Avenue to Install Wall Signs.

Pat Ivory provided an overview of an application for a Certificate Appropriateness submitted by the owners of the Masonic Temple, 616 Graham Avenue to install wall signage on the east wall of the building. The signage would consist of individual letters mounted on the building wall. One sign would>

Randy Ellefson, representing the Masonic Temple was present at the meeting. As noted at the July meeting of the Commission when the entrance addition was discussed, this entrance is the primary entrance for the building due to the location of the elevator.

Katrinka Bourne asked how the letters would be fastened to the wall. Mr. Ellefson indicated that each letter had a peg on the backside that would be inserted into the wall. Katrinka expressed concern regarding potential damage to the wall and appearance of the wall if any of the signage was removed in the future. Mr. Ellefson indicated that they would ensure that the wall was not damaged and that holes would be carefully repaired and sealed if any change were to occur to the sign.

ACTION TAKEN: David Klinkhammer moved to approve the application for Certificate of Appropriateness. Barbara Lozar seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Presentation from UW-EC Public History>

Dr. John Mann from the University of Wisconsin " Eau Claire was present the meeting to present the findings of his Public History>

The Commission thanked Dr. Mann and the students for their research work and indicated that they looked forward to receiving a copy of the research.

3. Discussion of Third Ward Landmark District and 1994 Ordinance Review.

The Commission discussed the recent meetings of the Third Ward District subcommittee. It was noted that the public informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

The Commission also continued their discussion regarding the 1994 Landmarks Ordinance amendments as directed by the City Council. Copies of the 1994 amendments as well as the 1992 amendment and current ordinance were included in the Commission™s November packet.

Pat Ivory noted that in his review, he had several suggestions for the Commission to consider. These included:
-providing a mechanism for individual properties to be reinstated into a historic district without having to go through the process of amending the entire district;
-when a proposed historic district is considered by the City Council, that they should be allowed to make changes without having to refer the district back to the Landmarks Commission;
-allowing the City Council to approve a district designation by a majority vote of the full membership (six votes) rather than by a 2/3 vote of the full membership;
-incorporate changes to allow for the phasing in the opted out properties if so desired by the City Council (several options have been discussed by the subcommittee.)

Pat added that another change to consider related to Section 2.65.070 concerning maintenance of buildings. Pat suggested that this provision be either repealed or amended to refer to existing provisions regulating the maintenance of buildings. It was noted that someone took issue to Section 2.65.070 at one of the public hearings questioning how this provision was administered. The Commission suggested that rather than repealing the section, that it be amended to reference existing codes addressing maintenance.

Commission members indicated that they felt that these suggestions seemed reasonable and would discuss them further at the January meeting.

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Update from Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation. Pat Kurtenbach provided an update of Foundation activities.

B. Street Signs. Pat discussed the City™s plan to replace the street signs in the City to comply with new standards adopted by the State. The new standards require larger letter size and a dark background with light colored letters. An example of the signs for the two landmark districts were shown to the Commission. Pat noted that the eagle logo had changed somewhat to make it more recognizable and make it easier to fabricate. The Commission noted that the new sign looked very good.

C. Commission Membership of 2011. The Commission discussed that the second terms of Sue Nelson and Ken Fulgione would be ending in December. Sue is a citizen member of the Commission and Ken is the licensed realtor. Ken indicated that he was in contact with two people possibly interested in the Realtor position on the Commission. The Commission noted that it was important that the City appoint someone that lived in the Third Ward Neighborhood since both Sue and Ken are residents of the Third Ward.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30p.m.

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary