

7/12/10 - Monday, July 12, 2010

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of July 12, 2010

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Katrinka Bourne, Barbara Lozar, Sue Nelson, Ken Fulgione

Members Absent: David Klinkhammer, Carrie Ronnander

Minutes. The minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Jenny Ebert.

1. Discussion and consideration of preliminary plans for handicapped accessible addition to 616 Graham Avenue.

Pat Ivory provided an overview of plans to construct an addition that would include an elevator lift in order to provide handicapped accessibility to the Masonic Temple™'s new Learning Center, which is located on a lower mezzanine level of the building. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places as well as being a local landmark property. Pat noted that the Masonic Temple is requesting this input from the Commission prior to having more detailed plans prepared. The plan is to construct a one-story addition to the southeast corner of the building where the primary entrance of the building is located. Pat reviewed initial plans prepared for the addition as well as revised plans based on staff input.

Mr. Paul Lenz, representing the Masonic Temple was present at the meeting and discussed the plans. Mr. Lenz stated that the project involved two phases: remodeling the mezzanine area into a learning center and then secondly constructing the handicapped accessible addition. The first phase will start this fall and the second phase (the addition) could start as early as 2011, but could extend into 2012. He noted that they also planned to add signage to the east wall of the 1960s building addition to better>

Mr. Lenz stated that the design concept for the addition was to utilize design elements from the 1960s elevator addition on the south side of the building. The walls would be constructed using the same or similar limestone used on the addition. The addition would be setback from the main building facade along Graham Avenue. He noted that they hoped to recycle two windows from the main building that would be removed as part of the construction. Final plans for the addition would be submitted to the Commission when drafted.

The Commission reviewed the plans and noted that they felt that the revised plans were well done and worked well with the main building and the 1960s addition. They added that the proposed landscaping also helped>

Pat noted that the proposed signage needed to be revised to comply with the sign code standards. The revised plans will need to be reviewed by the Commission at a later date.

The Commission thanked the representatives of the Masonic Temple for their work in drafting plans for the addition.

2. Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to install soffit and fascia at 421 Hudson Street.

The Commission reviewed an application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Kathleen Johnston-Glasmyer to install soffit and fascia to her house located at 421 Hudson Street. The property in question is listed as a contributing property within the Randall Park Historic Landmark District. The Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness in June for the installation of siding; at that time, work on the soffit and fascia was not anticipated.

Ms. Johnston-Glasmyer and her contractor Mike Schwartz were present at the meeting. Mr. Schwartz indicated that the installation of the soffit and fascia would be similar to the work completed on the neighboring property at 417 Hudson Street; with the exception that bracketing under the eaves would not be covered and would remain exposed. Mr. Schwartz also discussed the work relating to residing the house.

Pat Ivory informed the Commission that when reviewing the application, the Commission should refer to the standards contained in the Landmarks Ordinance (Chapter 2.65) and the standards contained in the Randall Park Historic District Plan. The plan states all architectural details such as window trim, wood cornices, and ornaments either remain uncovered or are duplicated exactly in appearance.

The Commission discussed the proposed project and noted that some of the soffit and fascia detailing would be covered or lost as a result of the project.

ACTION TAKEN: Katrinka Bourne moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness noting that the brackets will not be covered, but remain exposed. Barbara Lozar seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to install porch windows at 421 Hudson Street.

This item was withdrawn by the applicant as Ms. Glasmyer decided to install replacement double hung windows in her porch instead of slider style windows. A Certificate of Appropriateness is not required since the window style and size will not be altered as originally proposed.

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Update from Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation. Pat Kurtenbach provided an update from the Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation. He stated that the Foundation was planning their annual house hunt with the Leader Telegram in August.

B. Discussion of Lead Base Paint Regulations. The Commission continued their discussion regarding the regulations recently enacted regarding contractor requirements pertaining to lead base paint in structures constructed prior to 1978. The Commission questioned whether these regulations may discourage restoration work and encourage the installation of more vinyl siding in lieu of painting existing wood siding. Pat stated that he had inquired with the Wisconsin Historical Society regarding the requirements, but had not received a response. He indicated that he would contact them again. Jenny Ebert suggested the City/County Health Department and Western Dairyland as possible sources of information.

C. Update on 2009 CLG Grant Project. The Commission was informed that work is progressing on the 2009 CLG Grant project. The Intensive Survey and National Register nominations should be completed by Timothy Heggland by September.

D. Discussion of the Opted-out Properties. The Commission discussed the subcommittee meeting held on June 21st. It was noted that another meeting was scheduled for July 13th, but Pat and Sue Nelson indicated that they needed additional time to prepare their information. It was decided to cancel the June 21st meeting and reschedule in August due to scheduling conflicts until that time.

E. Donald æSarge Boyd Plaque. Pat informed the Commission that the Donald æSarge Boyd plaque was installed and dedicated on June 17th. Pat thanked those Commission members that helped with selling pie and ice cream at the event.

F. Update on 602 Water Street. Pat informed the Commission that Mr. Charles Vanden Bruel had contacted him to provide an update on his property at 602 Water Street, the Ottawa House. Mr. Vanden Bruel indicated that Cindy Kaiser had painted temporary murals on the boards placed over the windows. He had recently finished work on the interior and exterior east wall of the building. He would like to be able to wait until 2011 to remove the boards and undertake the repair work on the front windows. He is also considering the installation of a retractable awning.

G. Zoning Ordinance Amendment. The Commission was informed that the ordinance amendment that would address landmarked properties substantially damaged by occurrences such as fire or weather was adopted by the City Council.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50p.m.

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary