

3/1/10 - Monday, March 1, 2010

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of March 1, 2010

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Bob Von Haden, Katrinka Bourne, Barbara Lozar, Carrie Ronnander, Sue Nelson

Members Absent: Ken Fulgione

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

The meeting was initially chaired by Katrinka Bourne until Jenny Ebert arrived.

Commendations for John Mann and Ken Ziehr. The Commission represented plaques to John Mann and Ken Ziehr thanking them for their service on the Commission. John served as the historian on the Commission and Ken served as the architect.

1. Report from the Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation.

John Mann and Pat Kurtenbach provided the Commission with an update of activities from the Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation (HPF). They indicated that the HFP is interested in sponsoring their home tour in May and are inquiring as to whether the Commission is interested in assisting with the project as part of the Preservation Month activities. They stated that the HPF will have an intern from the University assisting on the project. The Commission discussed the home tour and Sue Nelson and Katrinka Bourne indicated an interest in serving on a subcommittee of the Commission to assist with the home tour.

ACTION TAKEN: Bob Von Haden moved to appoint Sue Nelson and Katrinka Bourne to a subcommittee to work with the HFP on the home tour. Carrie Ronnander seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Review of 2009 Commission Goals and Discussion of 2010 Goals.

The Commission continued their discussion on the goals and projects for 2010. The Commission indicated that the listing looked good, with the addition of the Commission™s work on the HPF home tour.

ACTION TAKEN: Jenny Ebert moved that the Commission approve the 2010 goals and projects with the addition of assisting the HPF with the home tour. Barbara Lozar seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Discussion of 2009 CLG Grant.

The Commission continued their discussion regarding the remaining \$1,300 unexpended funds in the CLG grant. Pat indicated that he had sent letters to the owners of the three Lustron houses (1700 Fairway, 1831 Badger, and 1819 Lyndale) to determine if any of the owners were interested in having a National Register nomination prepared for their house. In addition, the owner of 1615 State Street was also contacted regarding a potential National Register nomination. Pat stated that one of the owners indicated that they were not interested, while the others were still considering the possibility of a nomination.

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Discussion of Status of 310 Lake Street. The Commission discussed the status of 310 Lake Street which was recently damaged by fire. The property is a pivotal property in the Randall Park Historic District. The Commission discussed the Commission™s potential involvement in the review process depending on whether the structure is renovated or demolished.

Ken Ziehr, representing the Randall Park Neighborhood Association discussed the architectural importance of the property both for the historic district and for the neighborhood as an entry point to the neighborhood from the east.

B. Update on Third Ward Historic District. The Commission continued their discussion regarding the Third Ward Historic Landmark Expansion District and the opted out properties. It was noted that the Commission™s public hearing for the expanded portion of the National Register District would be held at the next meeting on April 5th. This hearing includes only the expanded portions of the district, it does not pertain to the opted out properties.

In regards to the opted-out properties, the City Council directed the Commission to: contact the opted out property owners to assess their interest in becoming part of the district, review the ordinance changes made in 1994, and consider a phase-in of the opted out properties. The Commission discussed possible dates to schedule a meeting with the opted-out property owners and coordinate the meeting with having the Third Ward Neighborhood Association include information in their upcoming newsletter. It was decided that the informational meeting would be scheduled for Thursday, May 13th. The Commission also reviewed the draft letter that would be mailed out for the meeting.

C. Chippewa Valley Museum Focus Group Project. The Commission reviewed a letter from the Chippewa Valley Museum regarding a request for a representative from the Commission to participate in a focus group project titled œThe Good Life: a Cultural Plan for Eau Claire County. Barbara Lozar indicated that she would be interested.

ACTION TAKEN: Jenny Ebert moved that the Commission appoint Barbara Lozar to participate in the focus group on behalf of the Commission. Sue Nelson seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35p.m.

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary