

2/1/10 - Monday, February 1, 2010

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of February 1, 2010

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

Members Absent: Sue Nelson, Ken Fulgione

Minutes. The minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Jenny Ebert.

New Commission Members. Barbara Lozar and Carrie Ronnander were welcomed to the Commission.

Election of Officers. The following officers were selected by the Commission.

A. Chairperson. Barbara Lozar moved to nominate Jenny Ebert as Chairperson. Katrinka Bourne seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Vice-Chairperson. Bob Von Haden moved to nominate Katrinka Bourne as Vice-Chairperson. Carrie Ronnander seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Secretary. Jenny Ebert moved to nominate Sue Nelson as Secretary. Bob Von Haden seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and Recommendation on Historic Plaque for Owen Park Bandshell.

The Commission reviewed a revised plaque narrative recognizing Donald æSarge Boyd, which would be placed in the vicinity of the Owen Park Donald æSarge Boyd Bandshell. The narrative included several revisions made by the sponsors of the plaque. Katrinka Bourne suggested several additional wording changes. Mr. and Mrs. Walker discussed the suggestions of the Commission and indicated that they would attempt to finalize the narrative and provide a copy to the Commission. The Walker™s also discussed the photographs to be used for the plaque. They noted that they were unable to locate a good historical photo of the City Band. They indicated that they would probably have to use a historic photo of the high school band.

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

The Commission reviewed the projects undertaken and completed during 2009 and discussed projects for 2010. Jenny Ebert noted that she felt that the Commission should attempt to prepare an educational program through Community Television. (This project was listed for 2009, but was not initiated.) It was also suggested that the Commission prepare determinations of National Register eligibility for the sexton™s building at Lakeview Cemetery and for Rod and Gun Park. (The Commission had hoped to use CLG funds for this project, but the Wisconsin Historical Society would prefer the funds to be used for National Register nominations.) The Commission decided to continue discussion of the 2010 projects at the March meeting.

3. Discussion of 2009 CLG Grant.

Pat Ivory informed the Commission that approximately \$1,300 remained unexpended in the CLG grant funds. Pat indicated that he had contacted the Wisconsin Historical Society and they preferred that the funds be used for the preparation of a National Register nomination. Pat added that Tim Heggland had indicated that three churches and three Lustron houses were>

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Discussion on Installation of a Scoreboard at the Carson Park Baseball Stadium. The Commission was informed that the Eau Claire Express baseball team had contacted the Parks and Recreation Department about installing a scoreboard on the Carson Park baseball stadium. The scoreboard would be for people located in the right field fan deck area. Pat noted that the Commission™s comments were advisory because a Certificate of Appropriateness was not required since a building permit was not required. The Waterways and Parks Commission reviewed the project and recommended that the back of the scoreboard be painted to match the color of the pressbox.

The Commission discussed the project, but had differing comments on the project. Katrinka Bourne suggested that the scoreboard should be centered on the roof rather than butt it up to the wall of the pressbox. Carrie Ronnander disagreed noted the proposed location was acceptable. Barbara Lozar suggested placing the scoreboard on the wall of the pressbox below the windows, provided that the bottom of the scoreboard would not extend below the fascia of the roof. Jenny Ebert suggested placing it to the left of the pressboxes. Pat indicated that he would forward the Commission™s suggestions to the Park and Recreation Department.

B. HPF Report. Pat Kurtenbach provided an update of activities from the Historic Preservation Foundation (HPF). Pat indicated that the HPF planned to sponsor a home tour in 2010. He added that the Foundation is interested in sponsoring an event for preservation week and is hoping to hire an intern from the University.

C. Update on Third Ward Historic District. The Commission continued their discussion regarding the Third Ward Historic Landmark Expansion District and the opted out properties. As noted previously, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed

designation of the district and opted out properties on November 9th and referred the designation back to the Commission for further study. The City Council™s primary issue related to the opted out properties. The 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.

Pat Ivory noted that the Commission had determined that they should consider the local landmark status of the National Register properties and opted out properties separately. A public hearing on the expansion of the National Register District will be held in April. The Commission then discussed the status of the opt-out properties and reviewed a draft letter that would announce an informational meeting with the owners of the opted-out properties. The Commission suggested several revisions to the letter. They noted that the timing of the meeting is dependent on the timing of the distribution of the Third Ward Neighborhood Association™s spring newsletter, and end of the University spring semester.

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

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary