

1/4/10 - Monday, January 4, 2010

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of January 4, 2010

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Bob Von Haden, Katrinka Bourne, Ken Fulgione

Members Absent: Ken Ziehr, Sue Nelson, John Mann

Minutes. The minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Jenny Ebert.

1. Discussion and Direction on Third Ward National Register District and Landmark District.

The Commission continued their discussion regarding the Third Ward Historic Landmark Expansion District and the opted out properties. As noted at the December meeting, 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 at the last meeting of the Commission, it was the consensus of the Commission that they consider the local landmark status of the National Register properties and opted out properties separately. The Commission also moved to schedule a public hearing to consider the local landmark designation of the properties not locally designated that were included in the 2004 Third Ward National Register District Expansion. Pat stated that this hearing would tentatively be scheduled for the March or April meeting. The Commission also reviewed the noncontributing>

Bob Von Haden moved that 318 Garfield Avenue, based on architecture and age, and 1519 Wilson Street, based on architecture be listed as noncontributing properties. Jenny Ebert seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

The Commission then discussed the process of contacting the opted out property owners. As discussed at the December meeting, the Commission decided that a meeting should again be held with the opted out property owners, with some revisions made to the letter that would be mailed to each property owner. Working with the Third Ward Neighborhood Association and Preservation Foundation would also be important. Pat indicated that he would draft a revised letter for the meeting for review by the Commission in February. This meeting would be held in April or May. The Commission noted that the letter should list the benefits and implications of having a locally landmarked property. The Commission also indicated that they should attempt to get an article included in the next neighborhood newsletter. Pat Kurtenbach, President of the Third Ward Neighborhood Association indicated that the next newsletter would be in May.

2. Discussion and Recommendation on Historic Plaque.

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. Jenny revised the narrative with input from Ken Ziehr based on the Commission's discussion in December. The Commission indicated that Pat should forward a copy of the revised narrative to the sponsors of the plaque for comment.

3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. 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 and a newsletter would be distributed in the spring.

B. Update on 2009 CLG Grant Project. Pat informed the Commission that Tim Heggland and Jim Drager from the State Historical Society toured the two study areas last week to>

C. Commission Appointments. The Commission continued their discussion regarding Commission appointments.

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

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary