

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of February 4, 2013

Members Present: Carrie Ronnander, Kathy Mitchell, Karen Nusbaum, Ken Ziehr, Patrick Kurtenbach

Members Absent: Katrinka Bourne, Jim Seymour

Minutes. The minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Carrie Ronnander and called to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Discussion of Local Landmark Designation Priorities.

The Commission reviewed information prepared by Carrie Ronnander that provided a brief overview of each of the properties and historic districts that are listed on the National Register, but not locally designated. The Commission discussed the properties and districts and factors that should be considered in setting their priorities for possible landmark designation. Factors mentioned included: location in relation to other locally designated properties, significance of the property, owner willingness to agree to the designation, and concern about potential alternations.

Kathy Mitchell noted that the Putnam and Hoover Chapels, which are owned by the City, should be considered first, possibly in conjunction with the Preservation Month activities. Other properties mentioned were the recently designated Lustron House on Lyndale Avenue, and the Water Street Commercial District.

Pat Ivory indicated that he would send out a listing of the properties and districts for each Commission member to prioritize. He will then tabulate the priorities for the Commission as a group to discuss at the March meeting.

2. Discussion of Ordinance Provisions Relating to the Commission Membership.

The Commission discussed a possible amendment to the Landmarks ordinance relating to the qualifications of the architect and historian positions. The Commission discussed the provision relating to requiring a "registered" architect. The suggestion was to eliminate the registration requirement and add a provision regarding education.

The Commission also discussed the provisions for the historian position and decided that the current provisions were adequate.

Pat Ivory indicated that he would discuss the proposed amendment with the City Attorney and update the Commission at their March meeting.

3. Discussion of 2013 Newsletter.

The Commission reviewed the previous Landmarks newsletter and discussed articles to be included in the 2013 newsletter. Pat Ivory stated that he had met with the intern from the Historic Preservation Foundation that would be assisting in the preparation of the newsletter. It was noted that several articles from the previous newsletter may be updated and included in the new newsletter. Possible articles include: an introduction to the newsletter, information on the Commission's loan program (preferably on the front page), an article about the Lustron House including web links to Lustron sites, an overview of the zoning ordinance amendment relating to damaged landmark properties, an updated map and article on the trail plaques, information on the historic tax credit program, an article reminding people about the Commission review of certain exterior projects, and a listing of resource web links that would be helpful and informative to property owners.

The Commission suggested that the newsletter be printed in color and that the map of the plaques also be in color.

A draft of the newsletter will be reviewed by the Commission prior to its publication.

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Update from Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation. Pat Kurtenbach provided an update of Foundation activities discussing the Foundation's spring home tour to be held in May. The Commission discussed possible buildings to include in this tour or a future tour. Buildings suggested included: Putnam Chapel, Hoover Chapel, and St. Joseph's Chapel located on Omaha Street and owned by Sacred Heart/Saint Patrick's Church.

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

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary