

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of March 4, 2013

Members Present: Katrinka Bourne, Carrie Ronnander, Kathy Mitchell, Karen Nusbaum, Ken Ziehr, Patrick Kurtenbach, Jim Seymour

Members Absent: None

Minutes. The minutes of the February 4, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

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

1. Discussion of Local Landmark Designation Priorities.

The Commission reviewed the local designation priority summary of the Commission relating to the properties and historic districts that are listed on the National Register, but not locally designated. Pat Ivory noted that the summary should be used as a guide for the Commission noting that some properties listed lower on the tabulation may be better candidates for local landmark consideration due to such factors as owner support for local designation, number of properties involved, etc. Pat reviewed the list noting properties where there may be support from the owners.

It was noted that the Putnam and Hoover Chapels, which are owned by the City, were the highest on the listing. Designation of these properties could be done in conjunction with the Preservation Month activities. Pat noted that he had discussed the possibility of the designations of the two chapels with Phil Fieber, the Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department. Phil indicated his support for the designation noting that the City is considering some renovations to the Putnam Chapel and the local designation could encourage some interest in fundraising for the work.

Carrie Ronnander noted that the Water Street Commercial District would be another candidate for designation that the Commission should consider. Property owners could be contacted initially to determine their interest in the designation of the district. The Commission also discussed the Federal Courthouse building and possible issues with a local designation. Pat indicated that he would consult with the City Attorney.

ACTION TAKEN: Ken Ziehr moved to schedule public hearings for the May meeting for the consideration of the Hoover and Putnam Chapels as local landmark properties. Kathy Mitchell seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

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

The Commission continued their discussion of a possible amendment to the Landmarks ordinance pertaining to the ordinance wording for the architect position. Pat stated that he had discussed the proposed change with the City Attorney and reviewed the direction suggested by the City Attorney. The Commission decided to table consideration of the amendment until later in the year.

3. Discussion of 2013 Newsletter.

Pat Ivory indicated that he had met with the intern from the Historic Preservation Foundation that would be assisting in the preparation of the newsletter. Pat stated that he had discussed the suggestions of the Commission from the previous meeting with the intern and the intern was starting work on the project. Pat indicated that he would keep the Commission updated on the progress of the newsletter.

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

- A. Update from Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation.** Pat Kurtenbach provided an update of Foundation activities including the spring home tour to be held on May 18th. Pat noted that the tour will involve a variety of buildings, including churches and chapels, as suggested by the Commission at the February meeting.
- B. Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commission Spring Meeting.** The Commission reviewed the proposed agenda for the spring meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions to be held in Milton, Wisconsin. Pat Ivory encouraged Commission members to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary