

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of July 17, 2013

Members Present: Katrinka Bourne, Ken Ziehr, Patrick Kurtenbach, Dave Strobel, Jim Seymour, Carrie Ronnander

Members Absent: Karen Nusbaum

Staff Present: Pat Ivory, Rod Bonesteel, Colleen Schian

Minutes: The minutes of the July 1, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

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

1. **Consideration of Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness, including:**

- A. Reconstruction of a South Entrance to City Hall.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness pertaining to the reconstruction of the south entrance to City Hall. The entrance was damaged when it was struck by an automobile in the spring. The Commission reviewed several conceptual options at the previous meeting and indicated that retaining the second floor window above the entrance was a priority.

Pat reviewed three design options with the Commission that had been prepared by SDS Architects. Two of the designs were based on comments from the Commission at their previous meeting. These designs retained the second floor window and included a structure extending out from the building approximately 18 feet from the main wall on the south side of the building. One design incorporated a hipped-shaped roof and the other design incorporated a flat roof and cornice detail that reflected the design elements of the flat roof section of the main building. Both designs would use a similar stone material as the main building for the walls. The third design provided an entrance door at the parking lot level, but retained the second floor window.

Tom Towhig, from SDS Architects, was present at the meeting and discussed the design alternatives and also discussed another version of the first two designs. This alternative would turn the entrance 90 degrees to face west and then lower the grade of the entrance approximately 2 feet. This would involve grading the south side of the building and the installation of retaining walls. The advantage of this option is that by lowering the entrance by 2 feet, it provides additional clearance for the second floor window.

The Commission discussed what considerations had been given to ADA issues for the building. Rod Bonesteel, the City Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, indicated that City

Hall has four entrances and this entrance (south) was the lowest priority for providing ADA accessibility. He explained future plans for the north and east entrances to provide ADA accessibility.

The Commission reviewed the design alternatives and complimented SDS on the work that they had completed. It was the general consensus of the Commission that option B-2 was the preferred option having the flat roof versus the hipped roof. Ken Ziehr noted that he liked the short connecting link to the roofed portion of the entrance addition as it provided some separation between the entry and the main building. He added that the flat roof and its cornice detailing would maintain a simple straightforward appearance sympathetic to the primary building while not drawing attention from it. In addition, the flat roof and cornice detail would incorporate the design elements of the flat roof section of the main building as would the walls which use similar stone material.

The Commission also discussed the option of turning the entrance door 90 degrees to the west and lowering the grade of the entrance. Katrinka Bourne stated that this design would appear too short and out of proportion with the main building. They also noted that the option of constructing the entrance at the parking lot level (Option D) was distracting from the main building.

Finally, Pat Kurtenbach questioned about what other options had been considered in the design process. Rod Bonesteel noted that they had looked at options with the entrance entering the building to the east at the parking lot level grade, but those options were very disruptive to the interior configuration of offices and structural walls.

ACTION TAKEN: Ken Ziehr moved to approve the Option B-2 that proposed the flat roof. Jim Seymour seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. None.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary