

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of January 6, 2014

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

Members Absent: Patrick Kurtenbach

The Commission has one vacant position.

Minutes. The minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

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

Election of Officers. The following officers were appointed by the Commission:

- A. Chairperson.** Ken Ziehr moved to nominate Katrinka Bourne as Chairperson. Jim Seymour seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Vice-Chairperson.** Ken Ziehr moved to nominate Carrie Ronnander as Vice-Chairperson. Jim Seymour seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Secretary.** Ken Ziehr moved to nominate Pat Kurtenbach as Secretary. Jim Seymour seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

1. **Discussion of 2013 and 2014 Commission Work Programs and Discussion of Possible Local Landmark Designations.** The Commission reviewed the 2013 Commission work program noting projects that were completed, those that were on going or in progress, and those that were not completed. Pat Ivory noted that several of the projects that were completed in 2013 were not on the original work program for the year. As part of this discussion, the Commission also discussed the draft 2014 work program. The Commission noted several projects that should be considered a fairly high priority, including: consideration of the local landmark designation of one or more National Register properties, updating the contractor listing and tour booklet, and sponsoring a preservation month activity.

When discussing potential local landmark designations, the Commission referred to a listing prepared by the Commission in January of 2013 where they listed their general priorities for landmark consideration. In reviewing the listing, the Commission felt that the owners of several properties should be contacted to determine if they would be interested in the local designation. The owners of the following properties are to be contacted: St. Edwards Chapel, the former Masonic Temple at 319 S. Barstow Street, and the Lustron House at 1819 Lyndale Avenue. The Commission also discussed the status of the State Theatre, which is located within the Confluence National Register District and the Water Street Commercial District. The Commission indicated that they would discuss this property and district later in the year.

Pat Ivory noted that the Commission had also initiated the local landmark designation process for 322 Water Street and 212 McKinley Avenue. Public hearings for these designations will be held in a couple months, once the nomination forms are completed.

The Commission also discussed possible preservation week activities and suggested sponsoring a presentation from the Wisconsin Historical Society discussing the recent changes in the historic tax credit program. Pat will contact the State to see if this can be arranged.

Pat noted that he would make changes to the draft 2014 work program to be discussed further at the February meeting.

2. **Review of Local Landmark Nomination Narratives.** The Commission reviewed the draft nomination narrative for 322 Water Street and 212 McKinley Avenue. These narratives had been prepared by Matt Honer, the intern working for the Historic Preservation Foundation. Carrie Ronnander and Ken Ziehr indicated that they would review the historical and architectural write-ups for the next meeting.
3. **Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.**
 - A. **Update on 6 South Barstow Street.** The Commission was informed that the City Council had acted on the appeal of the landmark designation of 6 South Barstow Street and overturned the designation.
 - B. **Update on Carson Park Baseball Stadium Fan Deck Project.** Pat Ivory informed the Commission that he had not received a reply from the Wisconsin Historical Society relating to the project at the baseball stadium. He indicated that he would continue attempting to contact them.
 - C. **Discussion of 2014 Fall Preservation Conference.** Pat Ivory informed the Commission that he was asked to help plan the conference topics for the 2014 fall preservation conference and asked the Commission for any specific topics that may be of some interest to the attendees. The Commission suggested several topics including: what incentives are communities using to encourage renovation of downtown buildings or what has been done to address impediments to renovations such as parking requirements, zoning and building codes, etc.; what is the historic status of the ranch homes built in post-World War II; and examples of case studies of attempts to save/preserve iconic post-World War II buildings.
 - D. **Report from the Historic Preservation Foundation.** None.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary