

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of February 10, 2014

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

Members Absent: None

Minutes. The minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting were approved as written noting that Pat Kurtenbach was not present at the meeting as secretary.

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

New Commission Member. Jane Seymour Kunick was welcomed to the Commission. Jane replaces Karen Nusbaum as the Realtor member of the Commission.

1. Review of 2014 Commission Work Program and Discussion of Possible Local Landmark Designations.

The Commission reviewed the draft 2014 Commission work program that had been discussed at the January meeting. Dave Strobel suggested adding a discussion item to the work program relating to reviewing the possibility of tying the designation of a property to the National Register with inclusion on the Eau Claire landmark register.

ACTION TAKEN: Ken Ziehr moved to accept the 2014 work program for the Commission with the addition of the discussion item relating to the designation of National Register properties with the possibility of inclusion on the local register. Pat Kurtenbach seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

The Commission continued their discussion relating to additional local landmark designations of properties currently listed on the National Register. At the January meeting, the Commission reviewed their general priorities for landmark consideration and suggested that owners of several of the properties on the list be contacted to determine if they would be interested in the local designation.

Ken Ziehr stated that he had talked with the owners of 302-310 West Grand Avenue and the former Masonic Temple at 319 S. Barstow Street and both owners indicated some interest, but wanted some additional time to consider the request. Pat Ivory stated that he had contacted the owners of St. Edwards Chapel on Bellevue Street, and the Lustron House located at 1819 Lyndale Avenue. Pat indicated that he was waiting for replies from these two owners. Finally, Pat Kurtenbach stated that he had not had a chance to talk to the owner of the Pearl Chambers House located at 1615 State Street. He would continue to attempt to contact the owner. The Commission indicated that they would discuss the status of these five properties further at the March meeting.

2. Review of Local Landmark Nomination Narratives. The Commission reviewed the draft nomination narratives for 322 Water Street and 212 McKinley Avenue. These narratives were initially prepared by an intern working for the Historic Preservation Foundation, but Carrie Ronnander and Ken Ziehr have

made changes to the narratives to provide more detail relating to the history and architecture of the two buildings. Pat Ivory indicated that he would schedule the public hearing for 212 McKinley Avenue for the Commission's May meeting. The nomination for the Water Street property would be scheduled this summer.

3. Discussion of Preservation Month Presentation. At the January meeting of the Commission, the Commission asked Pat to contact Jen Davel, Preservation Architect for the Wisconsin Historical Society, to see if she would be able to come to Eau Claire to make a presentation as part of Preservation Week on the rehabilitation tax credit program and recent changes in the program. Pat stated that Jen is available to speak and will be here in Eau Claire on Thursday, May 8th to make the presentation. The presentation will be at the Chippewa Valley Museum at 7 p.m. The Commission discussed the program and informing the public. A flyer will be mailed to owners of historic properties and the neighborhood associations will be contacted. In addition, the HPF and the Chippewa Valley Museum should be contacted to see if an article could be included in their newsletters. Jane Seymour Kunick indicated that she would inquire as to whether information about the presentation could be distributed through the Board of Realtors.

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Report from the Historic Preservation Foundation. Pat Kurtenbach updated the Commission on current activities of the Historic Preservation Foundation, including their efforts to hire a new intern, conducting a membership drive, and scheduling a home tour for 2014. Pat also noted that Eau Claire may be hosting a regional meeting sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society in the fall and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions will be holding the spring meeting, but the details of the meeting are still being finalized.

B. Future Agenda Items. Jim Seymour asked to have an update of the survey work being conducted within the Randall Park Neighborhood by the UWEC Public History class.

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

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary