

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of March 3, 2014**

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

**Members Absent:** Jim Seymour

**Minutes.** The minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

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

- 1. Discussion of Possible Local Landmark Designations.** The Commission continued their discussion relating to the local landmark designation of properties currently listed on the National Register. At the January and February meetings, 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 again talked with the owners of 302-310 West Grand Avenue and the former Masonic Temple at 319 S. Barstow Street and both owners indicated that they would be interested in the local designation of their properties. Pat Ivory stated that he had contacted the owners of St. Edwards Chapel at 1129 Bellevue Street, and the Lustron House located at 1819 Lyndale Avenue. The owners of St. Edwards Chapel are very interested and asked Pat to contact them again in June. The owners of 1819 Lyndale indicated that they like to have their property designated. 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.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Dave Strobel moved to have staff initiate the process for scheduling public hearings for 1819 Lyndale, 302-310 West Grand Avenue, and 317 South Barstow Street (former Masonic Temple) as the schedule of the Commission permits. Ken Ziehr seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

- 2. Overview of UWEC Historic Survey Project.** This item was tabled until the April meeting.
- 3. Discussion of the Timing of Local Designations with National Register Nominations.** The Commission discussed alternatives to encourage property owners to have their properties listed as local landmark properties at the same time such properties are nominated to the National Register. Pat Ivory noted that requiring local designation may discourage some property owners from seeking a nomination to the National Register. The Commission suggested that in the future, they should be more insistent in encouraging local designation and when multiple properties are being considered, give priority to those interested in local designation. The Commission directed staff to draft a policy statement to address this issue for consideration at their April meeting.

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 the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions will be holding their spring meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>, but the details of the meeting are still being finalized.
- B. **Update on Preservation Month Activities.** Pat updated the Commission on the Commission's Preservation Month activities to be held in May which include: a presentation from Jen Davel, Preservation Architect for the Wisconsin Historical Society, regarding the rehabilitation tax credit program and recent changes in the program; the landmark designation of 212 McKinley Avenue; and a City Council Preservation Month proclamation.
- C. **Future Agenda Items.** Pat Ivory informed the Commission that he had been contacted by a preservation consultant working on the environmental review for the replacement of the Water Street Bridge. At the April meeting, the Commission will be asked to review the project in relation to any effect on the Third Ward National Register District.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patrick Kurtenbach, Secretary