

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of March 2, 2015

Members Present: Katrinka Bourne, Dave Strobel, Brady Foust, Jane Seymour Kunick

Members Absent: Carrie Ronnander, Ken Ziehr, John Mann

Minutes: The minutes of the February 2, 2015, meeting were approved as written.

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

1. **Update on Request to Demolish 1004 Menomonie Street.** The Commission continued their discussion regarding the request submitted by James Rolbiecki (DMB Distinguished Multiply Buildings, LLC) to demolish the property located at 1004 Menomonie Street, having the historic name of the Kaiser Lumber Company Office. The Commission discussed the subcommittee meeting that was held on February 19th. Issues that were discussed included: parking requirements, possible flexibility in those requirements, the possibility of a lease arrangement for parking, need to obtain estimates for moving the building, relation of the building to the proposed University/YMCA facility, and possible additions to the building. It was noted that the owners still declined to indicate a sales price for the property or list the property with a realtor. However, they indicated that any prospective purchasers should contact them. Pat Ivory noted that the owners of the property would be meeting with zoning officials this week to discuss issues related to the City's parking and setback requirements.

The Commission reviewed a letter from the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood expressing their concern about razing the building. The Commission indicated that the letter should be forwarded to the City Council.

2. **Discussion of Historic Preservation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan Update.** The Commission reviewed the revised draft of the Historic Preservation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Pat Ivory noted that revisions discussed at the February Commission meeting had been added to the draft. The Commission noted several additional changes to the draft. Pat noted that Commission members could contact him about further changes with the final draft needing to be ready for public hearings this June.

3. **Update on Landmark Activities and Properties, including:**

- A. **Discussion of future local landmark designation.** The Commission continued their discussion from previous meetings about future local landmark designations. The Commission has been in contact with several property owners whose properties are listed on the National Register to inquire about their interest in local landmark designation. The properties include: 302-310 West Grand Avenue, 1129 Bellevue Avenue, 1819 Lyndale Avenue, and 1615 State Street.

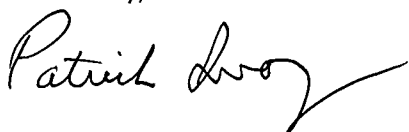
Other potential designations discussed by the Commission at recent meetings included: bridges such as the S-bridge, and high bridge, the water treatment plant, the former Parks and Recreation Building, the Water Street National Register District, Cameo Budget Theatre, 421 Talmadge Street, and the Roosevelt Avenue and Emery Street National Register districts.

Pat Ivory indicated that he would talk to the owners of 1129 Bellevue Avenue and 1819 Lyndale Avenue. Brady Foust and Katrinka Bourne will contact the owners of 1615 State Street and Pat will ask Ken Ziehr to contact the owners of 302-310 West Grand Avenue. Pat will also prepare a listing of the property owners within the Water Street National Register District.

- B. Update on the status of the CLG grant application.** Pat informed the Commission that the Wisconsin Historical Society had recently awarded the City a \$19,000 Certified Local Government Grant to update the City's Historic Intensive Survey. The City had applied for a grant of \$25,000. The Commission will discuss the timeframe for the project as City staff obtains more information from the WHS.
- C. Report from Historic Preservation Foundation.** None.
- D. Other Business.** It was mentioned that the City Council was in discussions about the feasibility of bringing the Soo Line Locomotive 2719 back to Eau Claire. It is currently in Duluth.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by,



Minutes submitted by Patrick Ivory