

## STOUGHTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 5, 2011

City Hall, Stoughton, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Hedstrom, Elizabeth Boone, Peggy Veregin, Tim Swadley, and Tom Majewski,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debbi Harris, Kathleen Kelly

1. CALL TO ORDER: Alan Hedstrom called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. Minutes: Tom moved to approve the minutes, Elizabeth seconded; motion carried.

3. Commission Goals for local landmark designation: After a discussion of workload in regards to the nomination of local of structures and landscapes, a single nomination should be considered.

Also: A) Need to work on a draft and bring back to committee  
B) Have a set process in place to proceed forward  
C) Get testimonials from previous owners of designated structures  
D) Set the dates for nomination cycle  
E) Consider representative Architectural Style  
F) Prioritizing Structures: The number one concern was rank by the threat of loss due to demolition or adverse modification.

Local Historic Districts: would require more involvement by the commission. The sentiment was that Local Districts would not be well received unless we had more resources since it would involve oversight by the commission on all exterior changes to structures requiring building permits within the local district.

(Tabled) Depot Hill Historic District: The research to nominate the area ( from Fifth Street to just east of the railroad tracks on Main Street) to the National Register of Historic Places was completed years ago and tabled because a majority of the property owners at that time opposed the nomination (unfounded fear of property restrictions). It was suggested to possibly re-survey the owners at a later date to gauge for support. (We need to do more education before we take this approach).

Railroad Development Association (RDA) has a plan for the railroad corridor. Concerns were raised with regard to how existing structures viewed and are they sensitive to their historic value. How does the plan's proposed vision impact (i.e. new development) the Depot Hill area.

Action Needed: Next meeting come with a list of suggested properties and prioritize. Next meeting come with suggested Criteria.

4. Wilhelm Linderud exhibit: Art was able to change the exhibit for the Holidays. The exhibit will be changed again in May with a theme of "People" and trying to have the public identify individuals in the photographs.

5. 2011 Historic Preservation Award: Award was given out to owner Wanda Keniston with an information plate added to the photo award.

After several attempts the 2<sup>nd</sup> recipient finally contacted and notified that since there was no response we were compelled to close out the awards for 2011.

Cost for the award was \$165 (the Committee can afford a maximum of 2 /year.

6. 2012 Award: Reviewed proposed draft criteria by Peggy. Elizabeth researched what is necessary to place an ad in the Hub with the abbreviated criteria for eligibility (Will post full criteria on Web Site).

Contractors and Architects if awarded will receive a Certificate of Recognition.

Look into a possible Preservation Service Award for individuals.

7. Walking Tour: Deferred until next meeting.

8. Commission Manual: Deferred until next meeting

9. National Landmark Nomination: No News

10. NAPS Membership: For Commission members not wanting to receive daily email discussions, it is recommended that those members sign up for the Digest Form.

11. Addendum to Tree Ordinance: Elizabeth will send a link to an example ordinance.

12. Book Proposal: Deferred until next meeting.

13. Upcoming Projects: Landmarks Tree Ordinance, Certified Local Government Grants (CLG), Possible Field Meeting of Whatever Bar in Depot Hill area.

Motion to adjourn by Elizabeth; seconded by Peggy. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Tom Majewski.

