

STOUGHTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 1, 2011  
City Hall, Stoughton, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Hedstrom, Elizabeth Boone, Kathleen Kelly, Tom Majewski, and Peggy Veregin  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Swadley, Debbi Harris

1. CALL TO ORDER: Elizabeth Boone called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
2. Minutes: Kathleen moved to approve the minutes, Tom seconded; motion carried.
3. New member suggestions: Alan spoke with Sara Lenz; Sarah expressed interest but may not have the time right now. Alan will follow up.
4. Local landmarks nominations: At the October meeting, the Commission brainstormed some candidate properties for potential local landmark nomination. Discussion followed at the November meeting that the Commission should clarify its goals and process:
  - How frequently does the Commission want to designate local landmark properties?
  - Is there a prioritization process; is there a property type that takes precedence in the prioritization process?
  - Public solicitation could produce potential candidates

These are just some of the ideas brought forward. Local landmark designation goals and processes will continue as a discussion item.

5. Wilhelm Linderud exhibit: There is no change or update as Art was absent. To reiterate from the October meeting: Art -and any who wish to help- will be changing the exhibit on November 19 around 3:00 pm. The new display will feature photos of downtown Stoughton.

6. 2011 Historic Preservation Award:

Elizabeth mailed letters to the two property owners selected to receive a 2011 award. Wanda Keniston responded enthusiastically; Elizabeth will follow up with the award recipient and commission members to coordinate a date for the award presentation. The second property owner was unresponsive; follow up attempts to contact the property owner were unsuccessful. For these reasons, we are unable to confer the award; Elizabeth will send a follow-up letter to inform the property owner.

2012 Award: no properties have been identified yet; discussions to continue.

6A. Discussion of other award types: Peggy brought information to the Commission regarding award categories that are typically used by other communities. These categories include: Sensitive Addition/Alteration; Adaptive Reuse; Appropriate New Construction; Proper Rehabilitation/Restoration. The Commission agreed we could adapt those categories for our use.

6B. Discussion of clarifying an award process / protocol: The Commission discussed and agreed that it should consider a formal nomination process using the categories suggested above as well as established criteria against which to judge the projects, and form a basis of opinion for selecting an award recipient. A predefined timetable would be included in this formalized process. Also, it was

suggested that the Commission seek suggestions from the public for potential award candidates. The Commission would remain responsible for reviewing projects and making the final determination of award winner(s). Peggy will bring to the next meeting a draft Preservation Award nomination document for review, discussion and edits.

7. National Alliance of Preservation Commissions membership: Peggy received a letter from NAPC confirming our membership and with instructions on how to join the email listserve. Peggy will submit names and email addresses of commission members interested in joining the listserve.

8. Project: National register nomination. Peggy discussed the possibility of writing a National Register nomination for the Ganshert house (historically known as the Turner house). Although she has not spoken to them as of the time of the meeting, it is her understanding that the Ganshert's are aware of the idea and supportive. Peggy will contact them and fill out the Wisconsin Historical Society's "National Register & State Register Questionnaire" which will be submitted to the Division of Historic Preservation for review and approval before moving forward.

9. Project: proposed walking tour north of downtown. Elizabeth has no new information at this time.

10. Project: Commission manual. Peggy has no new information at this time.

11. Project: Possible addendum to tree ordinance. Kathleen will investigate what tree ordinances exist in Stoughton and report to Commission; we will then discuss next steps.

12. Project: local history book proposal. Kathleen has no new information except that she has found a copy of the unpublished book on Stoughton history that some business owners have and will share it at the next meeting. Alan pointed out that if this project is intended as a grant project through Dane County, there are multiple phases of grant deadlines throughout the year.

13. Project: oral history. Tom reported that this is no longer an active project as the arrangement with his interview subject has fallen through.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Kathleen moved that the meeting be adjourned; Elizabeth seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Veregin, Commission member