Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 11, 2020 – 6:30 pm
Virtual

Members Present: Peggy Veregin, Chair; Todd Hubing; Greg Pigarelli, Secretary; Jean Ligocki; Kimberly Cook; Alan Hedstrom, Vice-Chair and Kristi Panthofer
Staff: Michael Stacey, Zoning Administrator
Absent: None
Guests: None
Press: None

1. **Call to order.** Veregin called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

2. **Consider approval of the Landmarks Commission meeting minutes of May 14, 2020.**
   Motion by **Hedstrom** to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by **Cook.** Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Review and provide feedback regarding proposed new downtown wayfinding and parking signage.**
   Hedstrom suggested using public safety building instead of police department.

   Hedstrom suggested adding the middle school to the wayfinding signage.

   Cook stated different colors could be used for city services such as blue, and attractions could be a different color such as brown.

   Ligocki suggested adding "Library" to the wayfinding signage. Hedstrom agrees.

   Panthofer suggested the tower logo could be centered better in the arched panel.

   The group agreed there appears to be a lot of words on the wayfinding signage. Would using a different font and upper case/lower case letters help make the signs more readable?

   Cook suggested that if fewer signs in the downtown shopping core would not impact safety and traffic flow, reducing the number of signs could in turn reduce visual clutter.

   The group thought that overall the design was appealing.

   The group would like Stacey to provide feedback to Public Works Director Brett Hebert, including the suggestions in these minutes and specifically to add library to the wayfinding signs, and if possible reduce the number of signs in the downtown shopping core, and use fonts/capital and lower case letters for readability if fewer words aren't possible. The group overall likes the design of the signage.

4. Update: Power Plant.

The Commission discussed the UW students' presentation video and preferred design.

Veregin clarified to the Commission that this is informal feedback and is not intended to take the place of formal project review by the Commission when a design is proposed.

Overall, members liked the project and thought the students did a good job.

Veregin stated the students did a good job following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation for additions and clearly distinguishing the historic building from the new construction; she likes the more modern glass used on the exterior of the addition and suggested clear glass and a setback of the side walls so there is a return. Veregin thought the height was a bit high for the parapet wall. Hubing believes they are trying to hide some air-handling equipment.

Veregin stated there are 2 new openings in the existing wall for the addition. The decorative framing ornament around those openings and the divided lights at the windows should be plainer and should not mimic the appearance of the historic arched openings. The goal is to avoid a false sense of history (people thinking those openings were always there). Veregin likes the open interior with partial loft space.

Veregin suggested providing these minutes to the RDA regarding Commission feedback but could also provide a memo if that is preferred.

5. Discuss 2020 Preservation Awards.

Veregin stated she sent out applications to landmark property owners for preservation awards which are to be returned by the end of July for consideration at the August 13th meeting.

There has been one application for a service award and information provided for a preservation award.

Veregin stated the dragons are back on the Dragon House. Hedstrom stated there is a nice article in the Hub about the Dragon House. Veregin may write a letter to the editor as a follow-up about the Dragon House.

6. Commission Reports/Calendar.

The group discussed the Downtown Local District planning in light of not being able to meet in person. Ligocki asked if the group is ready to meet in person if there was a big enough room to keep proper distance. Several members agreed they would meet in person.

7. Future agenda items.

The group discussed timing to revisit the proposed Depot Hill Historic District in light of the Doughboy building at 501 E. Main Street potentially on the market.

8. **Adjournment.** Motion by **Pigarelli** to adjourn at 7:45 pm, 2nd by **Ligocki**. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael P. Stacey

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm

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Present: Alderpersons: Phil Caravello, Regina Hirsch, Ben Heili, Tim Riley, Mayor Tim Swadley and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Glynn

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2020 and June 3, 2020
Motion to approve minutes by; Heili seconded by Hirsch
Motion carried unanimously

Communication

Director Glynn communicated the results of the meeting with Town of Pleasant Springs on 6-11-20 and AdHoc Whitewater Steering Committee meeting on 6-15-20.

Rotary Park Improvements Bid Selection (Discussion & Possible Action)
Motion to Rebid the Rotary Park Project by; Hirsch seconded by Riley
Motion carried unanimously

Future Agenda Items

Park Design Guidelines
Bjoin Park Improvements
Recreation Update
Review Whitewater Grants/Timelines

Motion to adjourn by Heili seconded by Riley
Motion carried unanimously at 6:23 pm.

WHITEWATER PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2020
8:00 AM
Virtual Meeting

Present Members: Regina Hirsch, Pete Manley, Alex DeSmidt, Brandon Holstein, Bob Diebel, and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Glynn
Guests: Mark Hale, John Bottorof, Darren Hartberg, Marty Melchior, David Pfeiffer, Dan Hanson, Tim Swadley, Jennifer Wendt, Audra Dalsoren, Gary Giesfeldt, Andy Paulios, John Seidlitz, Laura Dvis, Mack Krumme, Rick Kalvelage, Merle Lebakken, Eric Olsen, John McLain, Michelle Denk, Erin Savaske

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 8:01 am.

2. Approval of the May 18, 2020 Minutes
Motion by DeSmidt and seconded by Manley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment
Gullickson commented that he has lived and worked in Stoughton his entire life. He doesn't understand why the dam is being removed when the city repaired it in 2009. He believes the city should open up the dam's gates to simulate the water impacts.

Davis shared that she is the interim chair for the Dunkirk Dam Lake District (DDLD). The DDLD endorses the project and is looking to collaborate with the city to improve the river. The county does not have a good place to launch their weed cutter and possibly collaborate on a launch site.

Bottorof shared that he lives on Lake Kegonsa and represents the Friends of Lake Kegonsa. He questioned what the impact of the county's dredging of the Yahara River will be and wait until after the dredging to move forward with the dam removal.

Hale shared that he believes the city is too focused on the project and is not exploring all options.

Kalvelage had questions about how the millpond contamination would be remediated, is water quality considered in the visitor report, and if COVID-19 factors into potential future use.

4. Communications
Glynn shared that the Mandt Park Master Plan was adopted by City Council the previous Tuesday. The only change since the steering committee saw the plan was that the restrooms in the northwest corner of the park were moved into the first phase of improvements. Glynn shared that the grant notifications should be known this summer or early fall. Glynn shared that there was coordination between Recreation Engineering and Planning and Strand regarding the first phase of improvements. The pedestrian bridge improvements will need to be inputted into their hydraulic modeling showing a no rise flood situation.

Old Business

5. Yahara River Wildlife
Paulios explained that when dams are removed and shoreline is restored that the DNR looks for impacts to rare and endangered species. Generally speaking, dam removal decisions are not dependent on wildlife impacts. Paulios shared that the upper reaches of the river in Pleasant Springs wouldn't rank as critical waterfowl habitat.

The national Audobon Societry has certain thresholds that need to be met to be considered an important bird area. An area like Lake Koshkonong would be considered an important bird area because it provides habitat to 15,000-25,000 ducks annually. If the upper reaches are changed to a more riverine environment with swift water that some species of birds would change, but that would not be good or bad. Species such as ospreys are not specific to the type of water.

The Dane County area is at peak sandhill crane population. They are becoming a nuisance in Madison. Regardless of what happens with the dam, they should be unaffected. Pelicans are not breedin the Madison Chain of Lakes.

The wildlife bureau does not give a lot of input during the permitting process. They will be asked about critical habitats. They will also need to comment on general conditions as the project moves forward.

New Business

6. River Mapping
Glynn shared that the county has bathymetry of the upper reaches of the Yahara River. The city and county will coordinate to show the public what impacts of the dredging project and whitewater park will be.

Future Agenda Items
- County Coordination
- Grants & Project Timeline Update

Adjournment
Motion made by Diebel and seconded by Manley at 9:18 am. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
July 28, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
GoToMeeting

Present:
Schumacher, Jenson, Reeves, Doom and Mayor Tim Swadley

Also Present:
Finance Director Friedl, Clerk Licht, Planning Director Scheel and Alder Hundt

Absent and Excused:
None

Call to Order:
Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Communications:
None

Reports: the following reports were entered into the record.

- Contingency Report
- June 2020 Financial Report
- June 2020 Treasurer's Report

Approval of the July 14, 2020 Finance Committee Minutes
Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to include an additional $9,500 in the 2020 Building Maintenance CIP Budget to replace the Fire Department in-floor boilers.
Motion by Reeves, second by Doom to approve the purchase of $9,500 in the 2020 Building Maintenance CIP Budget to replace the Fire Department in-floor boilers. Motion carried5-0.

Termination of Tax Incremental District (TID) No. 3 and authorization to distribute excess increment to overlying taxing jurisdictions
Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to recommend that council approve the termination of TID No. 2 and authorization to distribute excess increment to overlying taxing jurisdictions. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution Authorizing and directing the City of Stoughton Redevelopment Authority (RDA) to enter into an agreement with Gale Klein to complete the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination for the Stoughton Power Plant #1
Motion by Reeves, second by Jenson to recommend that council approve an agreement with Gale Klein to complete the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination for the Stoughton Power Plant #1. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution offering alternative payment arrangements to individuals and businesses who will be levied special assessments for the improvement of curb and gutter, sidewalks, driveway aprons, carriage walks, retaining walls, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water system improvements for 2020 Projects

The Finance Committee would like Attorney Dregne to review the final letter and resolution before they take a vote on it the first Finance meeting in August.

Adjournment:

Motion by Doom, second by Jenson to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Licht, City Clerk