SUMMARY OF JOB

The City of Stoughton is looking for a qualified volunteer willing to serve on the Stoughton Landmarks Commission. The Landmarks Commission is a body of seven members, appointed by the mayor and approved by the Common Council, that serve to recognize and preserve the historic and cultural resources within the City of Stoughton. This includes coordinating educational activities, designating local historic landmarks, providing design expertise, and performing design reviews of applications to alter locally designated historic buildings.

The commission is looking for new members with expertise in building construction, architecture and/or historic preservation. Interested individuals can contact Michael Stacey, mstacey@ci.stoughton.wi.us.

The commission currently meets virtually on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are open to the public. More information is available on the Landmarks Commission website at https://www.stoughtonlandmarks.org/.

The City of Stoughton is an equal opportunity employer.

Salary: 0.00 Hourly

Job Type: Volunteer

Location: Stoughton WI

Sec. 38-33. Composition and terms.

The commission shall be composed of six citizen members competent and informed in the historical, architectural and cultural traditions of the city, to be appointed by the mayor subject to city council confirmation by majority vote. All citizen members may be appointed for three years as terms expire. Citizen members may be appointed to successive terms. A seventh member shall be a common council member to be appointed by the mayor subject to council confirmation by majority vote. In addition, the zoning administrator shall be an ad hoc member of the commission and shall not be entitled to a vote. If any vacancy occurs, the mayor shall appoint a person subject to the city council confirmation for the unexpired term. The commission may suggest a candidate to the mayor for appointment. No compensation shall be paid to commission members except for expenses necessary in carrying out their duties. The commission shall annually select from its members a chair, vice-chair and secretary and shall fill vacancies in such offices.

(Ord. No. 0-13-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 5-22-2018)

MAY NEED TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND NEW MEMBERS PRIOR TO COUNCIL APPROVAL.

Sec. 38-35. Powers and duties.

(a) The commission may, subject to section 38-34, recommend that the city council designate landmarks, landmark sites and historic districts within the city, based upon the criteria of section 38-34. Once so designated, such landmarks, landmark sites and historic districts shall be subject to all the provisions of this article.

(b) The commission may regulate, approve or deny proposed changes or alterations to landmark properties in accordance with section 38-36.

(c) The commission shall cooperate with the state liaison officer and the governor's liaison committee for the National Register of Historic Places of the United States National Park Service in trying to include city landmarks or landmark sites as national landmarks or landmark sites in the National Register of Historic Places.

(d) The commission shall work for the continuing education of the citizens of the city about the historic heritage of the city.

(e) The commission shall actively work for the passage of legislation which would permit the granting of full or partial tax exemptions to properties designated under this article in order to encourage owners to assist in carrying out the intent of this article.

(f) The commission may, as it deems advisable, solicit and receive funds for the purpose of landmarks preservation in the city. Any funds so received shall be placed in a special city account for such purpose.

(Ord. No. 0-13-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 5-22-2018)