

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Ligoeki**. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michael P. Stacey*