

Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 12, 2019 – 6:30 pm

City Hall, Hall of Fame Room, Lower Level, 381 E. Main Street, Stoughton, WI.

Members Present: Peggy Veregin, Chair; Alan Hedstrom, Vice-Chair; Todd Hubing; Jean Ligocki; Kimberly Cook; and Kristi Panthofer.

Absent: Greg Pigarelli

Staff: Michael Stacey

Guests: None

- 1. Call to order.** Veregin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- 2. Public Comment (each speaker allowed 3 minutes).**
No one spoke.
- 3. Consider approval of the Landmarks Commission meeting minutes of August 8 and August 19, 2019.**
Motion by **Ligocki** to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by **Hubing**.

Panthofer arrived at 6:31

Veregin requested a change to agenda item #5 on August 8th. Hubing noted the time Ligocki arrived on August 19th should be amended. Stacey will make the changes.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

- 4. Mini-grant: Approval of completed work: 201 S. Franklin Street – Panthofer**
Panthofer recused herself and left the meeting.

Veregin gave an overview of the project.

Motion by **Hedstrom** to approve the completed work and disburse the mini-grant funds, 2nd by **Cook**. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Panthofer returned to the meeting.

- 5. Update: Linderud photo collection.**

Hubing stated there has been a recent uptick in visitors to the Linderud site (<https://www.historicstoughton.org>) due to the Facebook information posted by Panthofer.

Veregin suggested a tribute to Art Wendt on the site would be nice. Hubing will update the site to reflect Art's passing.

- 6. Update: Community outreach.**

Panthofer stated there has been some Facebook activity. Panthofer is seeking some pictures of homes from Hubing to post on Facebook.

Cook is now an administrator for the Landmarks Facebook page and can post information.

The group discussed some upcoming events that the Landmarks Commission could attend to provide information as follows:

Art Walk – Sep 28th, 10am – 5pm

Cider Tasting – Oct 12th

Wine Walk – Oct 17th

Ligocki will contact Jim Ramsey at the Stoughton Public Library about having a table for information during the Art Walk. Ligocki will also contact the owner of Mershon's Cindery and is willing to setup but would like someone else to take down the information.

7. Update: 2019 local landmark mini-grants.

There is only one project left to complete. Stacey talked to the applicant last week who said the project will start soon.

Stacey to check with the Finance Director about where the funding for the mini-grants comes from and report back.

8. Communication: Historic Preservation Conference in Lake Geneva Oct 25-26.

Veregin gave an overview of the conference schedule and recommended all attend. Currently, Veregin, Cook, Hubing and Hedstrom plan to attend. Stacey will check his schedule and see if it will work.

9. Local downtown district planning.

Veregin is planning a Commission kick-off meeting with the Lakota Group. The consensus being Monday September 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

The group discussed what the meeting will cover such as project timeline and expectations.

Veregin plans to attend the September 24th Council meeting to provide information about the process.

Ligocki explained the discussions she has been having about the \$30,000 budget request. There is a need to provide detailed information about the process and the role of the Lakota Group. Ligocki recommended reducing the funding request to \$13,000 for 2020 due to the timing of the public outreach.

The Commission will be seeking an invoice from the Lakota Group this year.

Ligocki suggested the Commission start the 2021 budget discussion on Jan 1, 2020.

Some communities that have Local Downtown Districts are: Cedarburg; Bayfield; Janesville; Beloit; Milwaukee and Madison.

10. US Highway 51 corridor study.

Cook explained that she sees these studies all the time and when the City receives requests in the future they could be forwarded to her to provide comments. The Commission agreed.

11. Tower Times articles.

Veregin asked for input from the Commission for future articles. The next articles are due Oct 17th and the Tower Times is sent out in November.

The Commission came up with the following ideas:

- Preservation award information
- Mini-grant information
- Recognizing Art Wendt
- Linderud website information
- Walking tours information

12. Formation of subcommittee to review historic preservation ordinance definitions.

Veregin explained the need to review the ordinance is a result of findings during the Power Plant discussions.

There are 2 sections that appear to need amending which are 38-31 Intent and 38-32 Definitions.

Ligocki will talk to Attorney Dregne to gain clarification about what may need review/amending.

Ligocki, Hedstrom and Veregin volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Ligocki will email Attorney Dregne and let the subcommittee know when she has the information.

13. Commission Reports/Calendar.

Nothing to report.

14. Future agenda items.

- a. Update: RDA subcommittee.
- b. Update: 1892 High School
- c. Discuss 2019 Art Wendt Historic Preservation Service Award

15. Adjournment. Motion by Ligocki to adjourn at 8:25 pm, 2nd by Cook. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Stacey