

Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 9, 2018 – 6:30 pm

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

Members Present: Peggy Veregin, Chair; Greg Pigarelli, Secretary; Tom Majewski; Kristi Panthofer; Kimberly Cook and Alan Hedstrom

Absent: Todd Hubing

Staff: Michael Stacey, Zoning Administrator

Guests: Emily Bahr and Bill Weber.

1. **Call to order.** Veregin called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
2. **Consider approval of the Landmarks Commission meeting minutes of July 12, 2018.**
Motion by **Hedstrom** to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by **Pigarelli**. Motion carried 5 – 0.
3. **Bill Weber requests a certificate of appropriateness for replacement of bricks and tuck-pointing on the west side of the building at 529 E. Main Street.**
Veregin introduced the request.

Veregin questioned the type of mortar planned to be used and what method would be used to clean out the old mortar. Bill Weber stated he would be using type “N” mortar which is similar to type “O” and stated he planned to use a small grinder and go slow to remove the existing mortar.

Majewski arrived at 6:45 pm.

Veregin questioned the plan to replace the door. Bill Weber stated he plans to install a door similar to the other door and the door would not be functional.

The group discussed the history of the front façade. Veregin stated there are pictures of the original front façade. Bill Weber has interest in restoring the front façade.

The potential to have the building listed on the national and state registry was discussed. This would allow Mr. Weber to apply for grant funding.

Motion by **Hedstrom** to approve the certificate of appropriateness for tuck-pointing and door replacement at 529 E. Main Street, 2nd by **Cook**. Motion carried 6 – 0.

4. **Consider approval of the mini-grant disbursement for the Badger Theater, 255 E. Main Street.**
The group viewed and discussed the before and after pictures.

Motion by **Hedstrom** to approve the mini-grant disbursement for 255 E. Main Street, 2nd by **Pigarelli**. Motion carried 6 – 0.
5. **Discuss exhibit for Linderud photo collection.**
Tabled until the September 20th meeting.

6. **Discuss Main Street Outreach.**
Panthofer stated the Commission needs to be more visible to the public and there is an opportunity to have a booth at an upcoming farmers market. Cook, Veregin, Pigarelli, Hedstrom and Panthofer

all are interested in being available for the farmers market. It was decided September 22, 2018 would be the date with Cook/Pigarelli taking the 8:00 am – 10:30 am shift and Panthofer/Veregin taking the 10:30 am – 1:00 pm shift. Hedstrom is available if needed. The farmers market is on Forrest Street.

Panthofer and Veregin worked on a press release related to the mini-grants which will be published in a future Stoughton Courier Hub.

Stacey stated the Tower Times is another way to get information out to the public.

7. Local landmark status update for 148/154 E. Main St, 118 N. Page St and 515 E. Main St.

Stacey provided the nomination paperwork for 148/154 E. Main Street and 515 E. Main Street.

Veregin plans to work on the nomination for 118 N. Page Street and plans to send letters to the three property owners to explain the situation.

The Commission is planning for a public hearing on October 11, 2018.

8. Status of Power Plant building redevelopment.

Majewski stated the redevelopment authority (RDA) is making a request to the Common Council to have the ownership of the Power Plant property and public works property transferred to the RDA. The Commission expressed concern about the lack of communication for the future plans of the building including the proposed whitewater river project.

Veregin stated she heard back from Abby Abramovich that they were looking for other properties in the area.

The Commission will meet with Roger Springman, Chair of the RDA and Regina Hirsch, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee at their next meeting scheduled for September 20, 2018.

9. Status of 2017 local landmark grants.

Veregin gave a summary of the 2017 grants. Veregin recently updated the Common Council regarding the mini-grant successes.

Veregin stated the next step is to send out a survey to the applicants to gain feedback for future years.

10. Status of 2018 local landmark grants.

The COA was approved for 529 E. Main Street.

11. Discuss 2019 Budget.

Stacey submitted the budget request. Majewski stated the Council will be reviewing the operational budget in the coming weeks which should be finalized by the end of September. Stacey noted there is currently a shortage of funding to pay for the website hosting in November. The Commission discussed ways to make money to pay for this shortage.

12. Commission Reports/Calendar.

Veregin stated the local history and historic preservation conference will be held at the Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake on October 26-27, 2018. Veregin gave an overview of the workshop schedule and encouraged commissioners to attend. Veregin and Cook will be working at the conference.

13. Future agenda items.

Preservation Award

14. Adjournment. Motion by Hedstrom to adjourn at 8:00 pm, 2nd by Cook. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael P. Stacey