

MINUTES
City of Monona
Landmarks Commission
Wednesday June 9, 2021

Chair Goforth called the meeting of the Monona Landmarks Commission to order at 4:31 PM.

Present: Chair Kristie Goforth, Mr. Rick Bernstein, Ms. Anne Wellman, Mr. John Chapman, Ms. Peggy Michaelis and Ms. Rebecca Holmquist

Absent: Ms. Branda Weix

Also Present: Douglas Plowman, City Planner, Ms. Gail Klein – UW Milwaukee and Mr. Andrew Kitslaar – Friends of San Damiano

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Holmquist, for the approval of the minutes of April 14, 2021 carried with no corrections.

Appearances

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

A. Discussion of Draft National Register Nomination for 4207 Monona Drive (Gail Klein – University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee)

Ms. Klein gave an overview of the application, and discussed some of the main points included in the nomination materials. She shared that this is one of the best examples of the signature building design employed by the Kohl's Food Store group across the State. The building is eligible for National Register nomination under the architecture criterion.

Ms. Holmquist shared some feedback regarding the application, including details on the site description and one of the sources that was used. Mr. Bernstein stated that he was delighted to see this moving forward, and he had questions about the process and timeline. Ms. Klein responded that the wait time from submittal to the State Historic Preservation Office for review board scheduling is about a year at this point. Chair Goforth discussed the photographs that were submitted as part of the application, and asked if one could be updated as the graffiti has now been removed.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on using CLG Funds for National Register Nomination of 110 Henuah Circle

City Planner Plowman updated the Commission on the status of this property. There had been discussion at the previous meeting regarding the Historic District and eligibility of homes within it to receive tax credits. There are two categories of property; Contributing property as part of the District and Individually Eligible. It was clarified by staff at the State Historical Society that those properties deemed Individually Eligible would still be eligible, irrespective of the Historic District. Contributing properties are not eligible for tax credits until the District is formally listed.

City Planner Plowman confirmed interest with Mr. Aro to nominate the property at 110 Henuah Circle. It was previously deemed individually eligible, and has since been changed to a

contributing property. Staff are trying to clarify the details, and if it can be nominated to the National Register using the CLG grant funding before the submittal deadline.

A motion was made by Mr. Bernstein and seconded by Ms. Holmquist to use CLG Grant funding to nominate the property at 110 Henuah Circle to the National Register pending the eligibility determination.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Update from Friends of San Damiano Regarding Informational Interviews Conducted by the Group (Andrew Kitslaar)

Mr. Kitslaar, the President of the Friends of San Damiano provided an overview of the informational interview process conducted by the Friends Group. A goal of theirs is to contact individuals with a connection to the property to get a better understanding of the history of the property. A great example was a part of the June 1st press release that was shared by the City of Monona. City Staff, Elected Officials, Monona and Madison residents, Ho-Chunk members and those with connections to Monona history have all been a part of the process. There has been a strong connection with the educational, historical, cultural and environmental significance of the property. The Friends Group will be working with Monona Community Media to continue to gather information, and welcome more interviews and discussions as time progresses.

D. Staff Updates

i. Historic Preservation Month – International Style Homes

City Planner Plowman updated the Commission on this effort. There was limited feedback from the website/newsletter during the month of May, but he will directly contact the owners of a couple of the properties in the hope of gathering more primary information to add to the dedicated webpage that's in development. Mr. Chapman offered his property as he lives in an International Style Home and can provide more information.

ii. National Register Nomination Update

The Kohl's Food Store application is now complete (pending updated comments), and the 4811 Tonyawatha application has also been submitted. Mr. Heggland is moving onto the Bungalowen property shortly. The Commission shared that they would like to review the submitted materials, but that it shouldn't delay applications being submitted to the State as edits can be made after it's submitted and before it's reviewed.

iii. Springhaven Pagoda Roof Replacement

The contract has been signed for the work, and City Planner Plowman is coordinating with their project manager to discuss next steps and Commission review (as appropriate). Mr. Bernstein discussed the well foundation, and possible repair of that. City Planner Plowman responded that this can be reviewed during construction, but that depending on project scope it may require a specific budget request.

iv. Discussion of Return To In-Person Meetings

City Planner Plowman asked the Commission if they were comfortable to return to in-person meetings as Covid-19 restrictions begin to lift. The Commission were comfortable, and the July meeting will be in-person.

E. Landmarks Commission Requests for City Staff

Mr. Bernstein asked for a price estimate to nominate the possible Frost Woods Historic District. While not in the immediate future, he added it would be helpful to know the approximate price. Ms. Holmquist updated the Commission on the Frost Woods Homeowner Association meeting,

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and their recommendation that the City set something up with the Historical Society to have an informational meeting with the homeowners. Chair Goforth added that the City has contracted with Nehemiah to conduct a comprehensive diversity, equity and inclusion assessment and asked if the Commission would like to see the report. She will email the report to the Commission for their review based upon their positive feedback.

Upcoming meetings

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for July 14, 2021 and August 11, 2021

Adjournment

A motion by Ms. Holmquist, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, to adjourn carried. (5:25pm)

Submitted by,

Douglas Plowman, City Planner