

Minutes approved on October 12, 2022

MINUTES
City of Monona
Landmarks Commission
Wednesday August 10, 2022

Chair Radermacher called the meeting of the Monona Landmarks Commission to order at 4:30 PM.

Present: Chair Teresa Radermacher, Ms. Branda Weix, Mr. Rick Bernstein, and Ms. Rebecca Holmquist

Absent: Ms. Anne Wellman, Mr. John Chapman, and Ms. Peggy Michaelis

Also Present: Douglas Plowman, Planning Director

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Ms. Holmquist, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, for the approval of the minutes of June 8, 2022 carried with no corrections.

Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2022/2023 Commission Work Plan

Planning Director Plowman presented this agenda item to the Commission. The intent is to organize projects for the Commission and assign project leads for each item. The National Register Educational Event was discussed, with the goal to meet in late September or early October. This will include discussion of eligible National Register Properties, as well as the potential Frost Woods Historic District. Ms. Weix and Ms. Holmquist agreed to lead the promotion within the Homeowner's Association, with paper mailings and electronic promotion planned. Further promotion will occur at the September 11 Frost Woods social event. Mr. Bernstein suggested direct outreach to individually eligible properties so they are also aware of the event.

The Commission discussed short-term projects, including cleaning the local landmark plaques. Mr. Bernstein raised the cleaning methods that should be used, and Ms. Weix suggested a spring 2023 cleanup after the winter months instead. Mr. Bernstein highlighted the Monona Mound, and asked if it was a local landmark. Planning Director Plowman will investigate the local landmark list and share with the Commission. Chair Radermacher moved onto the International Style Home project. Mr. Bernstein suggested that rather than a white paper it could be a good idea to create an interactive webpage instead. The Commission discussed properties to focus on, and Ms. Weix suggested a walking tour showcasing the properties.

Future CLG grant opportunities were briefly discussed by the Commission. Planning Director Plowman purposefully didn't allocate a lead for the project, instead leaving it as a placeholder. The intention is to potentially apply for 2024 grant funding based on the interest in a Frost Woods Historic District.

A motion was made by Ms. Weix, seconded by Ms. Holmquist to approve the 2022/2023 Commission Work Plan with the suggested edits.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and Review of CLG Grant Deliverables

The Commission discussed the draft landmark map that was prepared as part of the CLG grant process. The map includes local landmarks as well as educational information about National Register nominations. Feedback included adding the newly nominated National Register properties, copy edit changes and some revisions to the map. City Staff will share these edits with the Consultant and have them incorporated into a final version.

New Business

A. Staff Updates

i. National Register Nomination Update

The final materials for 110 Henuah Circle were shared with City Staff. The consultant will be invited to an upcoming meeting to run through the nomination with the Commission. Planning Director Plowman is wrapping up the CLG grant funding and working through eligible items that relate to the Frank Allis House.

Ms. Holmquist suggested the Commission stop calling the property at 4123 Monona Drive by the name San Damiano. The suggestion was for the Landmarks Commission to use the name when the property was nominated. There was a broader discussion of changing the name Citywide and how this could be achieved.

ii. Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts

Ms. Holmquist shared that people of indigenous origin also raised the naming of the property at 4123 Monona Drive property and that they would prefer the name San Damiano not be used in the future.

Ms. Weix asked if the City of Monona had any form of land acknowledgement, and if they do, suggested that the Commission could possibly start their meeting with this. The Commission discussed a top down versus Commission up process for this.

Alder Radermacher updated the Commission on the National Night Out event on August 9. She commended the change in approach and strong community focus.

iii. Updates/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts

Ms. Holmquist raised the industry push for sustainability within architecture. Alder Radermacher suggested a further discussion of the intersection between historic preservation and climate action. She also shared that the City is hiring an Assistant Planner who will be City Staff lead for both Landmarks and Sustainability.

B. Landmarks Commission Requests for City Staff

Mr. Bernstein asked for an ongoing update on both the Springhaven Pagoda and the Frank Allis House. He spoke to Alder Wood regarding the Pagoda and the debris or fill in the base on top of the spring. Planning Director Plowman will discuss this item with Parks Director Anderson.

Upcoming meetings

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for September 14, 2022 and October 12, 2022

Adjournment

A motion by Ms. Holmquist, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, to adjourn carried. (5:52 PM)

Submitted by,

Douglas Plowman, Planning Director