

Minutes
Landmarks Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2011

The meeting of the Landmarks Commission for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Mary Lou Burczyk at 4:00 p.m. in the Small City Hall Conference Room.

Present: Chair Mary Lou Burczyk, Mr. Jerry Nelson, Mr. Ray Krizmanic, Ms. Shirley Homburg, Ms. Jane Kuzma

Also Present: Planning and Community Development Coordinator Paul Kachelmeier, Planning Administrative Assistant Rachel Jacques, and former Chair of the Landmarks Commission Jan Marshall Fox.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Homburg, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010 with two corrections.

The motion carried.

Appearances

Andy Braman-Wanek of Ginkgo House Architecture appeared to speak about a restoration and remodeling project at the Adolph Wagner House at 4705 Tonyawatha Trail, recently purchased by Robert Hardie and Toi Pedrick. He stated they have hired him to prepare the architectural plans.

Planning and Community Development Coordinator Paul Kachelmeier said that the remodeling work requires a zoning permit from the Building Inspector, and because the home is a designated historic landmark in the Monona Landmarks Book, and a zoning permit is required, review by the Plan Commission is required. He stated the section of the Monona Code of Ordinances relating to Historic Conservation Sec 13-1-64 states the Plan Commission is to determine whether the work will destroy, change or detrimentally affect the historic architectural features of the house.

Mr. Braman-Wanek explained that his clients bought the house in June with the idea of restoring and remodeling it. The owners would like to update the house and make it more livable, through the following changes:

- the addition of a wraparound porch
- widening of east and west dormers, and addition of north and south side dormers
- removal of non-original lean-to entryway
- removal of existing steel siding and restoration of existing lap siding and trim
- replacement of existing, non-original windows
- tuck pointing of the limestone foundation wall, and

- the addition of a garage, built into the hillside and covered by landscape, with a tunnel to the house basement.

He said the project would meet setback and size requirements found in the zoning code. The timeline for the project is six months.

The Landmarks Commission discussed the history of the house. The house was built in 1900 and the land deed is older than 1848. The prior owner was Helene Okray.

The Commission discussed the windows, dormer details, and building materials.

The owners want to save the original maple floors Mr. Braman-Wanek said.

Planning and Community Development Coordinator Paul Kachelmeier said he and Planning Assistant Rachel Jacques will write a report for the Plan Commission on behalf of the Landmarks Commission regarding their opinions on the project. They will take new pictures of the home for the next Plan Commission meeting.

Landmarks Commission members agreed that they like the proposed restoration and remodeling, and their consensus was they did not feel it would have a detrimental affect on the historic character or features of the home, and are pleased to see new investment in the property.

Chair Burczyk declared the appearances section closed.

Unfinished Business

5A. Discussion of reprinting of Landmarks Booklet

The Commission discussed the revised budget for the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission Grant. Mr. Krizmanic obtained a new estimate from the printers in December. The original price obtained in 2009 was \$4,559 for 500 copies. The new price quote is \$5,109 for 500 copies (\$10.22 per copy) and \$5,702 for 750 copies (\$7.60 per copy).

Mr. Krizmanic recommended purchasing 750 copies, because the unit price is cheaper and the Commission could make more money on booklets sold.

There was discussion of the new quoted price of the booklet, and the characteristics of the booklet including paper and number of pages. Samples of the paper were passed around.

The Landmarks Commission discussed the possibility of locking in the quoted price, which expires in 30 days. Staff said he would contact the printers to find out what must be done to lock in this price.

A motion was made by Mr. Krizmanic, seconded by Ms. Homburg, to order 750 copies.

The motion passed.

Commission members asked Staff to revise the budget again to reflect the Commission's desired changes, in order to inform the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission.

There was discussion about how to alter the budget. It was decided that the additional expenses would come from Landmarks Funds, and the Commission will try to make more money from booklet sales.

There was discussion of work on writing and updating sections of the Landmarks Booklet

Mr. Krizmanic will contact Widen Graphics to try to obtain the plates for the photos in a timely fashion.

A motion was made by Ms. Homburg, seconded by Ms. Kuzma, to start Commission meetings at 3:00 instead of 4:00 and have work sessions while we are working on the booklet.

The motion carried

The discussion of photos to take was tabled for the next meeting.

The Commission discussed the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Krizmanic and Mr. Nelson will present their section of the new booklet. Ms. Kuzma and Ms. Burczyk will present materials from new interviews with the Whitehorse family.

Mr. Krizmanic proposed inviting Ann Waidlich (Curator of the Dean House) and Dorothy Haines (author of a book on the history of Monona) to a future meeting to serve as additional resources for the project.

Chair Burczyk said she will contact the Historical Society first.

Staff proposed, and the Commissioners agreed, to make a work plan for the next meeting that includes Lustron Homes and an inventory of photos. Staff will update the project calendar.

New Business

Item 6A. Landmarks Tour in September 2011—tabled.

Item 6B. Article for the Summer Newsletter—tabled.

Miscellaneous Business:

Item 7A. Meeting Two Times each Month

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The next meeting of the Landmarks Commission will be Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Krizmanic to adjourn.

The motion carried.

5:05 p.m.