

Minutes
City of Monona
Landmarks Commission
Wednesday May 8, 2019

Roll Call

Present: Alder Jennifer Kuhr, Ms. Rebecca Holmquist, Ms. Mary Murrell, and Mr. Rick Bernstein

Absent: Mr. Erik Lincoln, Ms. Anne Wellman, Ms. Branda Weix

Also Present: Doug Plowman - City Planner, Ciara Miller - Planning Assistant, and Alder Doug Wood – former Landmarks Commission Chair

Alder Wood was recently reappointed to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board, to do so he gave up his seat as chair of the Landmarks Commission. Alder Jennifer Kuhr has taken over as the chair of the Landmarks Commission and this was her first meeting serving as chair.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Holmquist, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2019 carried with no corrections.

Appearances

There were no appearances.

Unfinished Business

A. Update and discussion on rescheduling the Monona Mound Plaque Dedication Ceremony

The plaque dedication ceremony was scheduled for May 18th; however, Bob Birmingham, the invited guest speaker is no longer able to attend that day because of health issues. Mr. Bernstein, who has been in communication with Mr. Birmingham regarding his participation in the ceremony, informed the commission that Mr. Birmingham is recovering but still interested in participating at a later date.

The commission discussed potential new dates for the dedication ceremony. It was suggested that perhaps the event would have a higher turnout if it was affiliated with a larger event – like the Monona Community Festival in July. Others were concerned that making it part of a larger event might mean that they are competing for an audience with other events from that day. Ultimately, the Commission agreed to host it as a stand-alone event as originally planned.

As far as rescheduling, Mr. Bernstein will coordinate with the invited speakers to see when they are available. The preference is still to host the event on a weekend. The exact date will be largely dependent on the availability of the invited guests.

Mr. Bernstein brought a copy of the original poster that was used to promote the preservation of the Monona Mound and suggested that we incorporate the image into the program for the ceremony. There were concerns of the image having copyright limitations, so Mr. Bernstein said he would look in to it. Alder Doug Wood, former chair of the Landmarks Commission, stated that the Landmarks Commission has approximately \$1,500 from book sales that could in-part be used to print a program for the dedication ceremony. Alder Kuhr volunteered to create an event program if there is not enough funding to hire a professional to design it.

B. Discussion Regarding the Placement of the New Monona Mound Plaque

The new plaque that was ordered for the Monona Mound is too large to mount on the existing boulder as originally intended. Staff in the Public Works Department looked to see if they had something suitable for mounting the new plaque, but did not have anything on hand. It was suggested that someone from the commission should reach out to Homburg Construction and see if they have any suitable boulders for the sign, since they have helped source boulders in the past for landmark site markers.

C. Update on the Mead & Hunt Citywide Architectural Survey

Planning Assistant Miller informed the commission that on April 19th, City Planner Plowman, Joe DeRose from the Wisconsin Historical Society, Rick Bernstein and herself joined their consultant Angela Hronek from Mead & Hunt for a ride-around town to take a closer look at properties that are being considered for intensive review. Mead & Hunt will have a draft of their report prepared by May 29, 2019. The report will list the properties they believe are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and/or for local landmark status. Once Staff receives the draft report, it will be distributed to the members of the Landmarks Commission for their review. The final draft of the report is due on July 15, 2019.

New Business

A. Discussion for Items for Future Agenda

The Bridge Road reconstruction has been brought up in previous meetings. The plaque is being removed during the construction process; it was suggested that the Landmarks Commission review the language on the plaque and consider updating before the bridge is complete and ready for reinstallation.

There was a Parks & Recreation Board meeting to discuss the future plans for Stonebridge Park. Some Landmarks Commission members attended and reported back to the Commission. The park plans include relocating the hill away from the pagoda structure, increasing storm water retention and overall accessibility. It was Mr. Bernstein's opinion that the Parks Commission seemed well aware of the Springhaven Pagoda project. Discussion of how the Landmarks Commission can move the Springhaven Pagoda project forward will be brought to a future meeting.

Minutes Approved on June 12, 2019

Planning Assistant Miller informed the Commission that she talked to an architect who was exploring modifications for a secondary structure on a Landmark Property in Monona. The owners have not yet submitted plans but it may be brought to a future commission meeting.

Upcoming meetings

The next meetings are tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2019 and July 10, 2019.

Adjournment

A motion by Ms. Holmquist, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, to adjourn carried. (5:28pm)

Respectfully submitted by,

Ciara Miller, City Planning Assistant