

Minutes Approved on August 14, 2019

MINUTES
City of Monona
Landmarks Commission
Wednesday July 10, 2019

Chair Kuhr called the meeting of the Monona Landmarks Commission to order at 4:33 PM.

Present: Chair Jennifer Kuhr, Mr. Rick Bernstein, Ms. Mary Murrell, Ms. Rebecca Holmquist, Mr. Erik Lincoln, and Ms. Branda Weix

Absent: Ms. Anne Wellman

Also Present: Bryan Gadow, City Administrator, Mark Henrichs, Robb Hardie, and Toi Pedrick

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Weix, for the approval of the minutes of June 12, 2019 carried with one correction.

Appearances

There were no appearances.

Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Monona Mound Dedication Ceremony

Mr. Bernstein updated the Commission on the planning for the Ceremony. A subgroup met on July 5th and crafted a draft agenda for the event on August 17. It was agreed that the event time should be moved to 1:30 pm, and the subgroup met with the Library Director to discuss space needs. They are still waiting to hear back from Missy Tracy to determine who can attend from the Ho-Chunk. Ann Waidelich is willing to do a longer presentation in the library after the formal event. The invite list was discussed, as they look to reach those who have attended similar events in the past. July 17 was set as the deadline to send invitations out, with RSVP's appreciated. There was discussion of a budget request for food as well as mailing and printing costs.

A motion was made by Ms. Weix, seconded by Ms. Holmquist to approve expenditure up to \$300.00 for refreshments for the August 17th Mound Ceremony. The event will also be promoted on Historic Madison and Madison Trust for Historic Preservation. The motion carried.

New Business

A. Advisory Recommendation to the Plan Commission for a Determination of Appropriateness Regarding Proposed Addition to the City of Monona Landmarked Property at 4705 Tonyawatha Trail.

City Administrator Gadow provided an overview of the application process and the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Ms. Holmquist asked if the 3-season porch could be saved rather than rebuilt. Mr. Henrichs responded that it's in a very poor state of repair. Ms. Holmquist stated that the metal roof does not meet the standards or character of the building, along with the metal railings. She added that the design of the overhang for the front porch was challenging, and that you don't typically add elements from other styles to a historic structure.

Mr. Bernstein asked how old the front porch addition is, Mr. Henrichs stated he wasn't sure exactly, but they weren't original. He stated that the metal roof is traditional for this type of structure, with

accompanying large gutters on the home. Mr. Henrichs shared that the applicant is trying to link the proposed materials to those used in the 2011 addition.

Ms. Murrell asked for clarification on the historic significance of the property. Mr. Henrichs referenced the City of Monona book with details of historic homes that references an open porch across the rear of the structure, which the applicant is proposing in their plans. Chair Kuhr asked the reason for the standing seam metal roof versus a wood roof. Mr. Henrichs responded that it will be maintenance free in the long-term. Ms. Pedrick stated that she wants to be sympathetic to the original intent, using modern materials. She is also okay with the potential for National Register Listing. Mr. Bernstein shared that although neither feature was original to the home, the changes would not be character defining features, and it would not markedly change its eligibility for the National Register. He is comfortable with the changes as proposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Weix to recommend approval to the Plan Commission for issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Discussion continued with Mr. Bernstein stating that the porch is a contributing element. Ms. Murrell asked what do you risk with the changes, is there a chance of losing Historic Preservation Status? She also asked if the Plan Commission could make a decision on the appropriateness of the metal roof?

A motion was made by Ms. Holmquist to amend the original motion to recommend removal of the triangular overhang detail above the porch. Mr. Henrichs and Ms. Pedrick shared there is some functional purpose to the addition. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The original motion passed with 4 votes in favor, and 1 vote against.

B. Discussion of Report of the Monona Intensive Historic Survey by Mead & Hunt. The final report is expected to be published and available mid-July

City Administrator Gadow provided an update on the survey with the Commission. City Planner Plowman shared the Commission's feedback on the survey, to be considered for the final report. The report is expected to be complete by the July 15th due date. City Planner Plowman is working with both Joe De Rose and Mead & Hunt staff on the exact date for the public event.

C. Discussion of items for future agenda.

City Administrator Gadow shared a brief update on the Springhaven Pagoda project and that City Planner Plowman continues to work to establish a bid from a new list of additional contractors. Updates will be shared as they arise with the Commission.

Ms. Weix asked about the Bridge Road Plaque given the reconstruction of Bridge Road. Chair Kuhr responded that it will be ordered, although the exact location is still to be determined.

Upcoming meetings

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for August 14, 2019 and September 11, 2019.

Adjournment

A motion by Ms. Holmquist, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, to adjourn carried. (5:35pm)

Submitted by,

Doug Plowman, City Planner