

Minutes approved on August 10, 2022

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City of Monona  
Landmarks Commission  
Wednesday June 8, 2022

Chair Radermacher called the meeting of the Monona Landmarks Commission to order at 4:39 PM.

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

Absent: Ms. Anne Wellman and Ms. Peggy Michaelis

Also Present: Douglas Plowman, City Planner

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Holmquist, for the approval of the minutes of March 9, 2022 carried with no corrections.

**Appearances**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**A. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Wisconsin State Historical Society regarding National Register Nominations for 5805 Winnequah Road and 4207 Monona Drive**

Planner Plowman provided an update on the nomination process. Both of these properties are now on the State Register of Historic Places and have been recommended to the National Register of Historic Places. As part of the process a letter is typically provided from the City's Landmarks Commission supporting the request.

A motion was made by Ms. Weix, seconded by Mr. Bernstein to approve two letters of support for the National Register Nominations at 5805 Winnequah Road and 4207 Monona Drive on behalf of the City of Monona Landmarks Commission.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Planner Plowman introduced this agenda item and the attached matrix included in the meeting packet. Chair Radermacher and Planner Plowman had met to discuss the Commission's work and projects for the next 12 months. This will include a project lead who will be the point of contact for each item. Mr. Bernstein volunteered to lead a number of projects, and this could be in collaboration with others. Work is already underway between Mr. Bernstein and Ann Waidelich regarding the International Style homes whitepaper. Mr. Bernstein suggested plaque dedications for the two National Register properties, possibly conducting a small event as part of Historic Preservation Month.

There was discussion of the local landmark plaques and the best way to clean them. Planner Plowman will discuss this with Public Works. There was discussion of the purpose and intent of

cleaning these plaques. The intent was for the cleaning of these to be a team building experience and group effort with no requirement to participate.

Mr. Bernstein raised the National Register Outreach and the possibility of conducting a workshop in conjunction with the State Historical Society with Monona examples referencing their experiences. Ms. Holmquist discussed the potential Frost Woods Historic District and that a discussion should take place prior to their April annual meeting. There could be overlap with the State Historical Society presentation, and Jim Draeger had said he would be willing to help. Ms. Weix shared that the next big social event in the Frost Woods District is scheduled for Sunday September 11, 2022. This event usually has 40-50 homes represented at the social gathering. The suggestion was to have a meeting scheduled 2-3 weeks after the social event to encourage turnout. Mr. Bernstein suggested inviting two staff from the State Historical Society, one to talk about the National Register elements, and another to discuss the tax credits. Planner Plowman asked for a definition of roles and who is leading the project. The Commission agreed to target the 2024 CLG grant, and use the September, 2022 presentation to begin the discussion with residents. There was discussion of benefit to the City of a possible Historic District. Ms. Weix and Ms. Holmquist shared that the City gains recognition. Mr. Chapman discussed other Historic Districts in Madison, and that these may be good examples to share. The education event was discussed, and this would be a public meeting for anybody to attend. Planner Plowman suggested the Frost Woods District promote the event. The City can promote through their channels, but would want to maintain a neutral stance. Ms. Weix added that the District could promote with mail, email and signage at the social event to help spread the word. There was agreement for a public invitation with a special focus on those that are eligible either individually or as part of the possible District.

### **C. Staff Updates**

#### **i. National Register Nomination Update**

The property at 4811 Tonyawatha Trail is submitted and awaiting its State hearing. The property at 110 Henuah Circle is proceeding with a nomination and is approximately halfway complete.

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

Chair Radermacher shared that the City Council accepted the Ad-Hoc work group's report and discussed a number of items that were a part of the document.

#### **iii. Updates/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts**

Chair Radermacher shared that the Monona Grove High School recently completed the installation of the largest rooftop solar array on any Wisconsin K-12 facility.

### **D. Landmarks Commission Requests for City Staff**

Mr. Bernstein asked about the 2023 Capital Budget request for the Springhaven Pagoda.

Ms. Holmquist asked if the Commission Assistance and Mentor Program (CAMP) and lessons learned could be added to a future agenda for discussion.

### **Upcoming meetings**

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for July 6, 2022 and August 10, 2022

### **Adjournment**

A motion by Ms. Weix, seconded by Ms. Holmquist, to adjourn carried. (5:40 PM)

Submitted by,

Douglas Plowman, City Planner