

City of Racine

*City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2007

4:30 PM

Room 209

Landmark Preservation Commission

*Chairman Mary Whitman
Alderman Robert Anderson
Geoff Greiveldinger
Robert Hartmann
Don Rintz
Sally Sorenson
Paul Zens*

Mary Whitman called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

PRESENT: 7 - Mary Whitman, Robert Anderson, Geoff Greiveldinger, Robert Hartmann, Don Rintz, Sally Sorenson and Paul Zens

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew G. Sadowski, Principal Planner

Approval of Minutes for the January 8, 2007 Meeting

A motion was made by Don Rintz, seconded by Paul Zens, that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Correspondence

Chairman Whitman informed commissioners about the March 10, 2007 WHS workshop. She, as well as Commissioner Rintz and Principal Planner Sadowski will be attending at no expense to the City, as all eligible expenses will be reimbursed by WHS.

Buildings being Razed

Commissioner Rintz requested that photos be taken of 2100 Lathrop Avenue (McDonald's Restaurant); 1610 Center Street; 1140 S. Memorial Drive, and the property to the north; and 1426 – 10th Street.

06-2210

Subject: Northside Reconnaissance Survey (Update)

Recommendation of Landmarks Preservation on 1-8-07: Deferred.

Principal Planner Sadowski stated that the Wisconsin Historical Society will be reviewing grant requests in February and making grant announcements at that time.

07-0086

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request by the Director of City Development seeking the rezoning of 936 South Main Street from "O" Restricted Office District to "O/H Restricted Office District with a Historic Properties District Overlay.

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on January 31, 2007: That a public hearing before the Common Council be scheduled and an ordinance be created.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of Landmarks Preservation Commission on February 5, 2007: Reviewed draft ordinance and approved of its contents.

Attachments: [936 S. Main Street.pdf](#)

Principal Planner Sadowski stated that this ordinance is one of two final steps in the process of re-designating a landmark. He stated that a resolution detailing the criteria for designation will also be prepared.

At the request of Commissioner Zens, Principal Planner Sadowski stated that he will prepare a flow chart to illustrate the process of designation of a landmark.

A motion was made by Paul Zens, seconded by Robert Hartmann, to approve the contents of the draft ordinance. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Administrative Business

Discussion regarding strategies for the protection of previously landmarked structures and properties (Mary Whitman).

Principal Planner Sadowski distributed the data base summary stating that existing landmarks may be sorted by 26 data fields ranging from the type of designation to builder and year built. He stated that not all data fields for each landmark are known, but will be filled in over time as certain information is gained.

While Commission members recognized the need to re-designate historic districts, they requested that at this time Staff concentrate on the group re-designation of individual landmarks. Planner Sadowski stated he would prepare a letter to be submitted to the Common Council requesting that the Commission formally begin this process.

Commissioners stated that would be appropriate to approach the Preservation Racine Board for assistance in funding an intern position to help in the re-designation process. Principal Planner Sadowski will prepare an estimate of the cost to conduct the group re-designation.

Discussion regarding Bull Durham wall graphics at Belle Harbor Apartments, 134 S. Main Street (Mary Whitman for Anita Duschak).

BULL DURHAM SIGN AT 134 MAIN STREET

Chairman Whitman stated that she had received a call from former Alderman Anita Duschak requesting that the Commission discuss the possibility of designating as a landmark the Bull Durham wall graphics at 134 S. Main Street. Commissioner were receptive to the idea but will further consider this request at a later date.

DOWNTOWN PAQUE PROGRAM

Commission and Preservation Racine members were working with the Department of Public Works and the Downtown Racine Corporation to develop informational plaques to be placed on the exterior of Downtown Landmarks. As it was unclear, Commission Rintz stated that he would look into the status of the project.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Rintz and seconded by Commissioner Zens to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Matthew G. Sadowski
Principal Planner*