



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Landmarks Preservation Commission

*Chairman Eric Marcus
Tony Veranth
Roger Lacock
Chris Flynn
Paul Zens
Jeannie Creekmore
John Monefeldt*

Monday, April 4, 2011

3:30 PM

City Hall, Room 209

Call To Order

Upon hearing no objections, acting as Chair, Principal Planner Sadowski called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

PRESENT: 4 - Roger Lacock, Chris Flynn, Jeannie Creekmore and John Monefeldt

ABSENT: 2 - Tony Veranth and Paul Zens

EXCUSED: 1 - Eric Marcus

Others present: Matthew G. Sadowski, Principal Planner
Donnie Snow, Director of Parks Recreation & Cultural Services

Approval of Minutes for the March 7, 2011 Meeting

A motion was made by Commission Member Lacock, seconded by Commission Member Creekmore, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Correspondence:

None.

Buildings being razed:

Commission members reported that of the raze permits received, none rose to the level of requiring photographic documentation.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

3:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

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[11-6243](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Consideration of the designation of a Racine Landmark at 845 Villa Street.

Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission on 4-4-11: That the property be designated a Racine Landmark under criteria 58-61(a) (3), (4), and (5) of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

FISCAL NOTE: N/A.

Principal Planner Sadowski opened the public hearing at 3:42 p.m., introduced the item and provided an overview of the property's location, condition, architectural attributes and overall style. He reviewed the criteria under which the property was being recommended for designation as a Racine Landmark. He concluded his comments by outlining the remaining steps in the process for the property to become officially recognized as a Racine Landmark.

Property owners Jan and Dan Frey discussed repair and restoration work they have conducted on the property, and their experience from other states in owning landmark properties and properties within historic districts.

Director Snow related that he had grown up just to the east of this property on Park Avenue and that the work of the Freys' has been an improvement to the property.

There being no further comments and hearing no objections, Principal Planner Sadowski closed the public hearing at 4:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Commission Member Creekmore, seconded by Commission Member Monefeldt, to recommend that the property at 845 Villa Street be designated a Racine Landmark subject to the following findings:

Whereas, the property at 845 Villa Street meets three criteria:

58-61 a. (3) Embodies distinguishing characteristics of architecture, an architect or architectural materials, or craftsmanship reflective of an 1856 Cream City Brick, Italianate Vernacular style.

58-61 a. (4) In its inherent historical nature provides the citizenry with educational or aesthetic enrichment; and

58-61 a. (5) Contributes to the character and understanding of a district and is one property that helps form the basis of a district.

The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[11-6244](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Consideration of the nomination of, removal of, and corrections to certain objects related to the City of Racine Inventory of Historic Artifacts. (Res.11-2514)

Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission of April 4, 2011:

That the nominations, corrections, and removal be adopted by resolution of the Common Council.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Artifacts 2nd des Res](#)

Principal Planner Sadowski opened the public hearing at 4:02 p.m., introduced the item and provided an overview of the proposed artifacts and their locations, their architectural or historical attributes and their overall condition. In regards to removals and corrections, he explained that the Harriet Lathrop statue was being removed from the artifacts list since it is in private ownership, that the location of the object listed as the Mound Cemetery Solders Monument is actually located at Graceland Cemetery, and that the object listed as the City Hall Bell is actually the Racine Street Fire Station bell and it is actually located at the Eighth Street Entrance to the Fire Station.

Discussion ensued with regard to the proposed additions, removals and corrections. Commission Member Creekmore reviewed in more detail the nomination materials for the Zoo gargoyle planter and the Garden Fountain and pool in Mound Cemetery. Commission Member Monefeldt reviewed in more detail the nomination material for the West Sixth Street Bridge.

There being no further comments and hearing no objections, Principal Planner Sadowski close the public hearing at 4:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Commission Member Lacock, seconded by Commission Member Creekmore, that the nomination of, removal of and corrections to certain objects related to the City of Racine Inventory of Historic Artifacts be recommended for approval the following actions:

The objects nominated for the second round nomination are identified below:

- **West Sixth Street Bridge at Root River and Horlick Drive**
- **Gargoyle Planter at Racine Zoological Gardens**
- **Garden Court Fountain and Pool at Mound Cemetery**

An object to be removed from listing:

- **Grieving Mothers/Harriet Lathrop statue in Mound Cemetery**

Corrections to first round nomination are as follows:

- **Soldier Statue at Mound Cemetery is to read Soldier Statue at Graceland Cemetery**
- **City Hall Bell is to read Racine Street Fire Station Bell**

The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Administrative Business

Education and Outreach - Workshop planning

Commission members discussed final preparations for the April 16, 2011 preservation workshops.

Historic Artifacts

Hearing no objections, Principal Planner Sadowski stated that he would hold the forwarding of the historic artifacts nomination so that it would reach the Common Council at their May 3rd, meeting to coincide with the designation of 845 Villa Street as a Racine Landmark, and for both to serve as the City of Racine's activity to commemorate Historic preservation and Archeology Month.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, and hearing no objections, Principal Planner Sadowski adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew G. Sadowski, Secretary
Principal Planner*