



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Landmarks Preservation Commission

John Monefeldt
Chris Flynn
Tony Veranth
Don Schumacher
Aldersperson Mollie Jones

Monday, October 10, 2016

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

Alderswoman Jones presumed chair of the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Chairman Veranth arrived at 5:09 p.m.

PRESENT: 5 - John Monefeldt, Chris Flynn, Tony Veranth, Don Schumacher and Mollie Jones

Approval of Minutes for the September 12, 2016 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Monefeldt, seconded by Commissioner Schumacher to approve the minutes of the September 12th meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

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Subject: (Direct Referral) Request by the Assistant Director of City Development for approval of a letter to the Wisconsin Historical Society expressing the Landmark's Preservation Commission's intent to apply for a 2017 Subgrant to fund a Citywide Preservation Plan and a National Register Nomination.

Assistant Director/Principal Sadowski stated that a letter was circulated at the previous meeting regarding developing a preservation plan for the city and designating 4001 Haven Avenue as a National Landmark. He stated that there was concern expressed at the previous meeting with regards to having one privately owned residence designated as a landmark. He said he spoke to the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) and they insinuated that it was up the commission. He stated WHS has no issues and would like to recommend the property because they would like to show progress as in the survey being completed, the district being designated and now a property being designated as a national landmark. Mr. Sadowski suggested the possibility of multiple right and like properties to be designated.

Commissioner Monefeldt expressed that he would like at least two houses recommended for designation.

Commissioner Schumacher clarified that several properties were not included in the district because of their time period.

Mr. Sadowski stated there would be additional cost to do the right and like properties for designation. He has yet to receive an estimate; however, the timeframe with

WHS is short.

It was explained that the use of tax credits and local landmark designation has guidelines that the property owner would have to follow; not National designation.

Chairman Veranth asked about the cost. Mr. Sadowski replied that it is all covered by the state.

He stated if the state does not approve funding for a Preservation plan, Director Connolly has set aside funds in the budget for next year to complete.

Monefeldt stated to try for two houses this year and four houses next year.

Commissioners agreed.

Mr. Sadowski would like to try for McDonald's first house in the city.

Discussion on the motion took place. Mr. Sadowski stated he was discouraged from applying for the preservation plan from WHS. WHS has a total budget of \$100,000.00 and they currently have \$200,000.00 in requests. The cost to do the preservation plan would be \$30,000.00.

Commissioner Schumacher asked about the possibility of asking for the plan to be partially funded by the WHS; asking for \$10,000.00-\$15,000.00 instead of the full \$30,000.00.

Mr. Sadowski stated that was a possibility.

A motion was made by Commissioner Monefeldt, seconded by Alderwoman Jones, submit to the State of Wisconsin Historical Society to recommend up to four single family residences homes from the Orchard Street Historic District for National Designation and to apply for funds from the WHS to create a preservation plan for the City, recommending approval of the request. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

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Subject: (Direct Referral) Review and consideration of pending razing permits and potential Commission actions.

Mr. Sadowski asked if there were any razing notices that the Commission was interested in reviewing. He stated someone wanted to raze a garage and they wanted early start.

Commissioners agreed there was no issue with the razing of the garage.

No action taken.

Administrative Business

Updates and Discussions:

There are currently two vacancies on the Commission that need to be filled.

Review of Historic Artifacts List

An application was submitted for the College Avenue bricks from 14th Street to De Koven Avenue. This will be scheduled for a hearing for the November meeting and notices will go out to Department heads and property owners in the area.

Alderwoman Jones presented a resolution from 1994 regarding the maintaining of the bricks.

Review of Racine Landmarks List

Sadowski will update the property owners on the list. And will provide an update at the Nov. 14th meeting.

Jones asked if the Bray center were able to get funding because they were on the Landmarks List. Sadowski stated there are different foundations that help nonprofits that are on the national register. Unfortunately, there is nothing that the city is able to do.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderwoman Jones to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.