



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Landmarks Preservation Commission

Alderwoman Krystyna Sarrazin
Tony Veranth
Chris Flynn
Roger Lacock
Jeannie Creekmore
Don Schumacher
John Monefeldt

Monday, March 10, 2014

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 106

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chris Flynn, John Monefeldt, Roger Lacock, Jeannie Creekmore and Don Schumacher

EXCUSED: 2 - Tony Veranth and Krystyna Sarrazin

Others present:

Matt Sadowski, Assistant Director of City Development
Michelle Cook, Secretary of City Development

Approval of Minutes for the November 11, 2013 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Commissioner Lacock, to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2013 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Correspondence:

Assistant Director Sadowski explained that the item for Correspondence is under New Business.

Buildings being razed:

Commissioners made mention that 840 Villa Street was to be razed.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

14-9900

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request from the Assistant Director of City Development to accept a Wisconsin Historical Society Certified Local Government sub-grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 to conduct a reconnaissance survey of the Manree Park area. (Grant Control

Number 2013-33)

Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission on 3-10-14: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Historical Society through the Certified Local Government Subgrant program to accept a \$15,000.00 grant to be utilized for the conduct of a reconnaissance survey of an area described as Manree Park.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 3-24-14: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) through the Certified Local Government Subgrant program to accept a \$15,000.00 grant to be utilized for the conduct of a reconnaissance survey of an area described as Manree Park. (Grant Control #2013-33, Manree Park, 798 fund)

Further, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with a WHS qualified historic preservation professional to prepare and submit the Manree Park reconnaissance survey.

Fiscal Note: There is no city match required. (Grant Control #2013-33, Manree Park, 798 fund)

Attachments: [Manree Park Subgrant Application](#)
[Manree Park Maps](#)

Assistant Director Sadowski explained that this item related to the November item that the Commission acted on regarding the potential Manree Park Historic District. He stated we applied and were approved for a sub-grant to conduct a reconnaissance survey of the potential district; we applied for \$21,000.00 and were awarded \$15,000.00. He stated the next step was to submit Request for Proposals to potential consultants on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approved contractor list.

Mr. Sadowski stated the Wisconsin Historical Society felt the area selected in Manree Park was a good mix of architectural styles.

He stated there is no match required with this grant.

Commissioner Monefeldt asked about the process.

Mr. Sadowski stated the consultant hired will pick out architecturally significant properties within the area. He stated that individual landmarks may be picked out and clusters of properties with significance will be picked and recommendation created. It will be up to the Commission to decide whether or not they would like to pursue creating the historic district once the findings are received.

Commissioner Flynn asked about the boundaries of the proposed district.

Mr. Sadowski stated the area proposed is Lathrop on the East, Ohio on the West, Washington on the South, and Graceland on the North.

Commissioner Flynn asked how many historic districts were currently in the city.

Mr. Sadowski stated there were six.

A motion was made by Commissioner Monefeldt, seconded by Commissioner Schumacher, to recommend approval of the item. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Administrative Business

Education and Outreach - Discussion of the 2014 Home Expo, Future Efforts

Assistant Director Sadowski stated the Home Expo was this year's education and outreach activity. He stated it was along the lines of a condensed workshop with presentations from roofers and other contractors.

Chairwoman Creekmore asked if the seminars were well attended.

Mr. Sadowski stated yes and that we would like to repeat the format next year.

Porters

Commissioner Schumacher asked if any portion of the building could be salvaged.

Assistant Director Sadowski stated the building was not a landmark and no federal funds were being used for the demolition of the building.

Discussion ensued regarding the history and the composition of the building.

List of Markers

Commissioner Schumacher stated he was informed that at one point the Commission was trying to get a list of the historic markers around the city and he was wondering what the status of that was.

Meeting Time

A brief discussion regarding the current meeting time was discussed. The possibility of moving the meeting time to start at a later time was concerned with possible confliction with the Finance and Personnel meetings which are also on Mondays.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Lacock to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Schumacher. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.