



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Landmarks Preservation Commission

*Chairman Mary Whitman  
Alderman Robert Anderson  
Robert Hartmann  
Don Rintz  
Paul Zens*

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Monday, July 7, 2008

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

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### Call To Order

*Chairman Whitman called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.*

**PRESENT:** 4 - Mary Whitman, Robert Anderson, Robert Hartmann and Don Rintz

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Paul Zens

*Others present: Matthew G. Sadowski, Principal Planner; Penelope Gabor, Planning Intern; Charles Swanson, Intern Planner; Bonnie Eastman of First Presbyterian Church.*

### Approval of Minutes for the June 2, 2008 Meeting

*None available.*

### Correspondence

*None reported.*

### Buildings Being Razed

*Commissioner Rintz reported that the notices he received were for garages and that none were of any significance.*

### New Business

### Public Hearings

#### 08-2408

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Consideration of the re-designation of a Racine Landmark at 716 College Avenue; First Presbyterian Church.  
(ZOrd.0006-08)

**Recommendation for the Landmark Preservation Commission on 7-7-08:** That the property at 716 College Avenue be re-designated a landmark under criteria 58-61 (a) (1) (3) and (4) of the Historic Properties Ordinance.

**Further,** that the re-designation be referred to the Plan Commission for a rezoning public hearing, and further review and recommendation.

**Recommendation for the City Plan Commission 08-27-08:** That the

recommendation of the Landmarks Commission be approved, an Ordinance be created, and a Public Hearing scheduled.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [716 College Ave.pdf](#)  
[716 College Rezoning](#)

*Chairman Whitman opened the public hearing at 5:01 PM.*

*Principal Planner Sadowski reviewed the proposal and stated that the owner had consented to the re-designation.*

*Bonnie Eastman and Virginia Holle, representing the First Presbyterian Church, expressed their support for the re-designation effort. Ms. Eastman also described the activities the church sponsors in relation to the congregations's involvement with the underground railroad.*

*There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Whitman closed the public hearing at 5:05 PM.*

**A motion was made by Don Rintz, seconded by Robert Hartmann, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

[08-2409](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Consideration of the re-designation of a Racine Landmark at 1001 Main Street; East Park and the Mary Todd/Abraham Lincoln Statue. (ZOrd.0007-08)

**Recommendation for the Landmark Preservation Commission on 7-7-08:** That the property at 1001 Main Street be re-designated a landmark under criteria 58-61 (a) (2) and (4) of the Historic Properties Ordinance.

**Further,** that the re-designation be referred to the Plan Commission for a rezoning public hearing, and further review and recommendation.

**Recommendation of the City Plan Commission 08-27-08:** That the recommendation of the Landmarks Commission be approved, an Ordinance be created, and a Public Hearing scheduled.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [1001 Main St Ave.pdf](#)  
[1001 Main Rezoning](#)

*Chairman Whitman opened the public hearing at 5:19 PM.*

*Principal Planner Sadowski reviewed the proposal and stated the the owner had consented to the re-designation. He explained that the subject of this re-designation is both East Park and the statue. He described the negligible impact of the proposed new identification signage that Gateway Technical College will be installing.*

*There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Whitman closed the public hearing at 5:22 PM.*

A motion was made by Robert Hartmann, seconded by Don Rintz, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

08-2410

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Consideration of the re-designation of a Racine Landmark at 1135 Main Street; Eli Cooley/Wm. F. Kuehneman House. (ZOrd.0008-08)

**Recommendation for Landmark Preservation Commission on 7-7-08:** That the property at 1135 Main Street be re-designated a landmark under criteria 58-61 (a) (3) and (4) of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

**Further,** that the re-designation be referred to Plan Commission for a rezoning public hearing, and further review and recommendation.

**Recommendation of the City Plan Commission 08-27-08:** That the recommendation of the Landmarks Commission be approved, an Ordinance be created, and a public hearing scheduled.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [1135 Main St.pdf](#)  
[1135 Main Rezoning](#)

*Chairman Whitman opened the public hearing at 5:26 PM.*

*Principal Planner Sadowski reviewed the proposal and stated that the owner had consented to the re-designation.*

*There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Whitman closed the public hearing at 5:27 PM.*

A motion was made by Robert Anderson, seconded by Robert Hartmann, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

08-2411

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Consideration of the re-designation of a Racine Landmark at 1611 College Ave.; Robert M. Boyd/Ellis Gaskell House. (ZOrd.0009-08)

**Recommendation of the Landmark Preservation Commission on 7-7-08:** That the property at 1611 College Avenue be re-designated a landmark under criteria 58-61 (a) (3) and (4) of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, and that the property be referred to as the Robert M. Boyd House.

**Further,** that the re-designation be referred to the Plan Commission for a rezoning public hearing, and further review and recommendation.

**Recommendation of the City Plan Commission 08-27-08:** That the recommendation of the Landmarks Commission be approved, an Ordinance be created, and a public hearing scheduled.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [1611 College Ave.pdf](#)  
[1611 College Rezoning](#)

*Commission Member Hartmann removed himself from the Commission for this item but remained available to provide factual information if needed.*

*Chairman Whitman opened the public hearing at 5:28 PM.*

*Principal Planner Sadowski reviewed the proposal and stated that the owner had consented to the re-designation.*

*In consideration of Mr. Hartmann's comments, Commission members recommended that the name Ellis Gaskell be removed from the designation as Mr. Gaskell was not a pivotal figure in the history of the property.*

*There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Whitman closed the public hearing at 5:29 PM.*

**A motion was made by Don Rintz, seconded by Robert Anderson, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

**End of Public Hearings**

**08-2412**

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Receipt of final report for Northside Reconnaissance Survey Presentation.

*Principal Planner Sadowski presented the final report stating that changes and corrections had been made as requested by Commission members. He stated the report's substance and findings are the same as reported to the Commission at the second neighborhood meeting in June, 2008.*

*Commission members requested that all properties found eligible for landmark status be contacted, copies of the final report be provided to Mark Hertzberg and Mike Reyberg of the Journal Times, and the report be placed on-line.*

*A motion was made by Commission Member Hartmann and seconded by Commission Member Rintz to receive and file the final report.*

*The motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

**08-2413**

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Confirmation of second round Racine Landmark re-designations.

*Principal Planner Sadowski reviewed the list of properties that were included in the second round of landmark designations in May 1976. Two are included in the current first round re-designations contacts: Racine College/DeKoven Foundation and the Mary Todd/Abraham Lincoln Statue and East Park.*

*Commission members asked that those not responding to the first round of re-designation inquiries be contacted.*

*It was moved by Commission Member Rintz and seconded by Commission Member Hartmann that staff proceed with the second round of re-designations using the second round designations of May 1976.*

*The motion passed on a voice vote.*

### **Old Business**

*UPDATE OF THE RACINE HISTORIC DISTRICT IN THE AREA OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER SOUTHSIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT:*

*Principal Planner Sadowski introduced Intern Planners Penelope Gabor and Charles Swanson. Both will be assisting in the field work needed to prepare a report on existing and potential contributing properties. He stated that their research will not only look at properties within the current boundaries of the National Register Historic District, but will also look at areas west to Center Street and south to Fourteenth Street. He stated the goal is to have this work completed by the end of August 2008 so that a recommendation can be made in the fall of 2008.*

*DISCUSSION REGARDING RACINE ENDANGERED PROPERTIES LIST:*

*Chairman Whitman asked that each Commission member bring to the next meeting a list of endangered properties.*

### **Administrative Business**

*ELECTIONS:*

*Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. No action.*

*CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS TO FILL TWO VACANT COMMISSION POSITIONS ("REALTOR" AND "AT LARGE" POSITIONS):*

*Commission members are asked to consider names for submittal as potential Commission members to fill the positions of "realtor" and of "at large."*

*POTENTIAL RACINE LANDMARK NOMINATION:*

*Staff is asked to forward Racine landmark nomination papers to Terry and Angela Britton of 1610 College Avenue, Racine.*

### **Adjournment**

*It was moved by Commission Member Rintz and seconded by Commission Member Hartmann to adjourn the meeting.*

*Hearing no objections, Chairman Whitman adjourned the meeting at 5:44 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Matthew G. Sadowski, Secretary  
Principal Planner*