



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Landmarks Preservation Commission

*Mollie Jones  
John Monefeldt  
Chris Flynn  
Tony Veranth*

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Monday, September 12, 2016

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

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#### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Alderwoman Jones chaired the meeting.*

**PRESENT:** 4 - John Monefeldt, Chris Flynn, Don Schumacher and Mollie Jones

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Tony Veranth

Others Present:

*Matt Sadowski, Assistant Director/Principal Planner  
Michelle Cook, Secretary of City Development*

#### Approval of Minutes for the May 9, 2016 Meeting

**A motion was made by Commissioner Monefeldt, seconded by Alderwoman Jones to defer approval of the minutes for the May 9, 2016 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

[0778-16](#)

**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 Planner Matt Sadowski explained the request. He stated that there are two grants that he would like to submit letters of intent for 2017. The first one, he stated, was a City Wide Preservation Plan grant. Mr. Sadowski explained that this has been discussed at recent Landmarks meetings and that, currently, the only study available is the Susan Carr study that was done in the 1970's. He stated that the study is outdated and does not include strategies for public input/education regarding historic preservation efforts. He stated it would be nice it have an overall strategy. The purpose of the letter of intent is to ask for funds.*

*The other portion of this item is the National Register Nomination for 4001 Haven Avenue. He stated a letter of intent was submitted to the Wisconsin Historical Society. He explained this is not a formal application; that if the commission approves the communication it will then be sent to the Common Council for approval to apply.*

*Commissioner Monefeldt asked about the property nomination. Mr. Sadowski*

*explained that the owner approached the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) about why they were not included in the Historic District. The WHS suggested the owner speak with the City about being nominated into the National Historic Register.*

*Commission members expressed concern with asking for a grant to fund a National Register Nomination for a private residence.*

*Discussion ensued regarding current historic properties, the possibility of the owner contributing half the cost to the nomination and other possibilities for use of grant funds.*

*Mr. Sadowski stated there was a filing deadline of November 11th.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Monefeldt, to defer action on this item to the October meeting. The motion was PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

[0779-16](#)

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

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## **Administrative Business**

*Commissioner Flynn left the meeting at 5:38 p.m.*

### Review of Historic Artifacts List

*Discussion took place regarding how to add items to the Artifacts List. Mr. Sadowski described the process – nomination, public hearing at a Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting, notification, then Common Council approval.*

*It was agreed that it would be presented at the October meeting on how to add the College Avenue Bricks to the Artifacts List.*

### Review of Racine Landmarks List

*Assistant Director/Principal Planner Sadowski provided Commission members with a current list of Racine Landmarks.*

## **Adjournment**

*The meeting concluded at 5:53 p.m.*