

City of Racine

*City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2007

4:30 PM

Room 103

Landmark Preservation Commission

*Chairman Mary Whitman
Alderman Robert Anderson
Geoff Greiveldinger
Robert Hartmann
Don Rintz
Sally Sorenson
Paul Zens*

Chairman Whitman Called the meeting to Order at 4:35 p.m.

PRESENT: 6 - Mary Whitman, Robert Anderson, Geoff Greiveldinger, Robert Hartmann, Don Rintz and Sally Sorenson

EXCUSED: 1 - Paul Zens

Approval of Minutes for the February 5, 2007 Meeting

A motion was made by Alderman Robert Anderson, seconded by Robert Hartmann, that the Minutes be approved, with the exclusion of Commissioners Greiveldinger and Sorenson from those present. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Correspondence

None.

Buildings being Razed

Commissioner requested pictures be taken of three building scheduled to be razed: 1247 S. Memorial Dr.; 1633 Center St.; 111 Kewaunee St.

06-2210

Subject: Northside Reconnaissance Survey (Update)

Recommendation of Landmarks Preservation on 1-8-07: Deferred.

Recommendation of Landmarks Preservation on 3-8-07: Received and filed.

Planner Sadowski reported that the City has accepted the WHS grant. He stated that the survey should be completed by next summer.

A motion was made by Alderman Robert Anderson, seconded by Robert Hartmann, that this item be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

07-0235

Subject: Group Re-Designation of Racine Landmarks.

Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation on March 8, 2007:

That an ordinance be created to add to Chapter 58 of the Municipal Code provisions for the re-designation of landmarks designated prior to January 1, 2006.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Group Re-Designation.pdf](#)

To aide in the understanding of the re-designation process, Planner Sadowski circulated an outline of the designation process, and a flow chart of the same.

Director O'Connell circulated a copy of proposed amendments to the Historic Preservation ordinance that would define the re-designation process, and stream line the process by recognizing the research already conducted during the original designation.

Discussion ensued and as a result, it was moved by Commissioner Greiveldinger and seconded by Commissioner Hartmann to write a letter to Preservation Racine seeking their financial support for the cost of employing an intern for the summer months to help implement the re-designation process. Commissioner Greiveldinger volunteered to write the letter. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Geoff Greiveldinger, seconded by Robert Hartmann, that this item be Recommended For Acceptance. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

07-0265

Subject: Request to designate the 1100 block of Lake Avenue as a historic district.

Recommendation of Landmarks Preservation Commission on March 8, 2007: That the nomination process commence.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Director O'Connell explained that this item comes to the Commission in response to concerns expressed by Michael Frontier of 1127 Lake Avenue regarding the need to establish protections for area landmarked properties against the pressures of redevelopment, especially along and near the lake front. Director O'Connell outlined the process to be followed.

Commission members discussed the potential boundaries of such a district, the receptiveness of affected property owners, and the objects to be protected such as old trees as well as structures. While no decisions were made on the district boundaries, a general area should be that which is in close proximity to the Lochnair Bed & Breakfast Inn, and Director O'Connell stated that staff would proceed with the nomination process accordingly.

A motion was made by Robert Hartmann, seconded by Don Rintz, that this item be Recommended For Acceptance. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote with Geoff Greiveldinger voting no.

Administrative Business:

Discussion regarding Bull Durham wall graphics at Bell Harbor Apartments, 134 S. Main Street (Mary Whitman for Anita Duschak).

As Mr. Duschak was unable to attend the meeting, Commission members tabled discussion of this matter.

Wright Conservancy spring tour

In response to a request by Director O'Connell, Commission members agreed to provide the tour guide "Frank Lloyd Wright and Prairie School Architecture" to the Wright Conservancy for their spring tour of Racine, at a cost of \$1.00 each (an estimated 250 guides would be provided). Motion approved

Meeting Dates

At the next meeting, Commission members wish to discuss future Commission meeting dates.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Hartmann and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew G. Sadowski,
Principal Planner*