



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Landmarks Preservation Commission

Monday, October 5, 2009

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 209

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Mary Whitman, Robert Anderson, Robert Hartmann, Eric Marcus and Rodger Lacock
EXCUSED: 1 - Paul Zens

Members Present: Tony Veranth

Others present: Matthew Sadowski, Principal Planner

Approval of Minutes for the September 14, 2009 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Marcus and seconded by Commission member Lacock to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

Correspondence:

None.

Buildings being razed:

None.

New Business

09-4257

Subject: Consideration of amendments to Chapter 58 Historic Preservation Ordinance addressing major alterations of buildings or new construction in a Federal or State designated historic district or individual Federal or State designated historic property, and notification requirements.

Commissioner Marcus stated that after further consideration, he felt the timing of this ordinance was not appropriate given the public sentiments surrounding the Southside Historic District designation attempt.

Commission members concurred and cited the need to educate the public regarding preservation, and to make more clear the application and designation processes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marcus and seconded by Commissioner Hartmann to table this item. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[09-4258](#)

Subject: Consideration of changes to the zoning permit fee schedule relating to the designation and re-designation of the "H" Historic Properties District. (Res.09-1662)

Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission on 10-5-09: That in association with the "H" Historic Properties District that the fee titled "Application for designation" be reduced from \$200.00 to \$0.00, and that a new fee category be created titled "Application for Re-Designation" with an associated fee of \$0.00.

Further, that a resolution of the Common Council be adopted to implement these fee changes.

Fiscal Note: There has been no permit activity for "H" Historic Properties District designation or re-designation in the past two years. No significant permit activity is anticipated in the near future. Retaining the fee categories allows for these administrative fees to be increased in the event of significant future permit activity.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marcus and seconded by Commissioner Hartmann to reduce the "Application for Designation" from \$200 to \$0, and to create a new fee classification "Application for re-designation" with an accompanying fee of \$0. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Old Business:

None.

Administrative Business:

a. Historic Artifacts Ordinance (Marcus)

Commissioner Marcus distributed to the members a draft copy of the historic artifacts ordinance and explained its intent and content. Upon review and discussion with Commission members, Commissioner Marcus stated he would add language addressing an emergency procedure for construction projects, and consider appropriate language to address other entities such as the Redevelopment Authority and Racine Unified. Commissioner Marcus will work with the City Attorney's office to develop a formal draft.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marcus and seconded by Commissioner Hartmann to forward ordinance language to the City Attorney for formal drafting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

b. Re-designations status update

Principal Planner Sadowski explained that he will proceed with the third round of re-designations. Commission members asked that there be an informational meeting for property owners where they not only receive the packet of information, but can ask questions and be informed of the process, implications and responsibilities associated with re-designation.

Further discussion addressed the possibility of creating incremental historic district designations (i.e. H1, H2, H3) similar to the incremental residential zoning districts. Commission members asked that this concept be discussed further at the next meeting.

- c. Potential new local nominations for designation; districts or individual properties

No new districts or properties were discussed.

- d. Update - Subgrant for Melvin Avenue National Register nomination

Nothing new to report. Filing deadline is November 13, 2009.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Chairman Whitman adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew G. Sadowski, Secretary
Principal Planner*