



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Landmarks Preservation Commission

*John Monefeldt  
Chris Flynn  
Tony Veranth  
Don Schumacher  
Aldersperson Mollie Jones*

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Monday, December 12, 2016

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 4 - Chris Flynn, Tony Veranth, Don Schumacher and Mollie Jones

Others present:

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

#### Approval of Minutes for the November 14, 2016 Meeting

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Ald. Jones, to approve the minutes of the November 14th meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

#### [0972-16](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Consideration of a request to designate College Avenue, from 14th Street to DeKoven Avenue, as a historic artifact.

**Attachments:** [College Avenue Historic Artifact](#)

*Assistant Director/Principal Planner Sadowski recapped the discussion from the previous meeting. He stated action on the item was deferred and the consensus of the Commission was to adopt better resolution language. Mr. Sadowski read through the current resolution in place. He stated he met with Mark Yehlen, Commissioner of Public Works and they discussed ways to amend the current resolution that would provide better protection to the College Avenue bricks. Discussion ensued.*

*Commissioner Schumacher discussed under the options of amending the current resolution. He stated that under section b., needs to be explained to be more consistent with historic character of the bricks. He also stated in section c. replacing versus saving trees needs to be clarified; he stated a preference over saving the street versus the trees if needed.*

*Chairman Veranth stated that the proper base material should be established. He stated initially it may be costly, but it has a longtime cost benefit.*

*Commissioner Schumacher asked why the methods of funding had to be determined now. Mr. Sadowski stated to be more specific; he stated input from Commissioners is needed at this point.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Ald. Jones, to defer action on the item. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[1016-16](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) A request from Nathan Ward, representing Verizon Wireless, seeking a conditional use permit to allow for installation of rooftop-mounted antennas and ancillary operational equipment at 201 Sixth Street. (PC-16) (Res No. 0043-17)

**Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 1-25-16:** That the request be approved subject to conditions.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [PH Notice - 201 Sixth Street \(NEW\)](#)  
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[\(1016-16\) CU 201 Sixth Street](#)

*Mr. Sadowski introduced the request. He stated the Downtown Area Design Review Commission recommended approval and the item will be on the City Plan Commission agenda on Wednesday. Mr. Sadowski explained the various options and locations that were explored for the proposed cell tower. He then described the proposed location on the building. Mr. Sadowski stated that the Wisconsin Historical Society reviewed the request and found that the installation of the cell tower has no adverse effect on the appearance of the property. He stated that staff, however, has some concern as the property is in a federal designated historic district and is a contributing property to that district.*

*Commissioners asked about the size of the antenna.*

*Nathan Ward, Buell Consulting, stated it was 5x5 steel tubing.*

*Mr. Sadowski stated staff is concerned with the breaks in the roofline of the building and concerned about the design.*

*Mr. Ward informed the Commission that the current request was the last choice for antenna placement. He introduced Suzanne Derick who assisted with federal compliance and the State Historic Preservation Office submittals; she explained the process in detail.*

*Mr. Sadowski reiterated to the Commission that staff is not recommending denial, just recommending revised plans for placement.*

*Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, that the placement of roof-top mounted antennas and ancillary operation equipment at 201 Sixth Street poses no adverse effect on the property and that the request be approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

[0973-16](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Review and consideration of pending razing

permits and potential Commission actions.

*A brief discussion took place regarding the razing of a 3-family residence on North Main Street to expand Kenny's parking lot.*

**Filed**

### **Adjournment**

*There being no further business, Chairman Veranth adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.*