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Meeting Minutes - Final Landmarks Preservation Commission

*Alderman James Morgenroth
Tony Veranth
Roger Lacock
Chris Flynn
Paul Zens
Jeannie Creekmore
John Monefeldt*

Monday, September 12, 2011

3:30 PM

City Hall, Room 209

Call To Order

Chairwoman Creekmore called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

PRESENT: 5 - Tony Veranth, Chris Flynn, James Morgenroth, Roger Lacock and Jeannie Creekmore

ABSENT: 1 - Paul Zens

EXCUSED: 1 - John Monefeldt

Others present: Matthew G. Sadowski, Principal Planner

Approval of Minutes for the June 6, 2011 Meeting

A motion was made by Commission Member Lacock, seconded by Commission Member Veranth, to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2011 meeting. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

Correspondence:

[11-6878](#)

Subject: Communication from Jan and Dan Frey seeking investigation of the expansion of the National Register Southside Historic District.

Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission on 9-12-11: That an area roughly bounded by 7th Street, Center Street, 11th Street, and Villa Street, and lands adjacent thereto, be evaluated or nominated for a potential expansion or addition to the National Register South Side Historic District.

Fiscal Note: The Commission has authorized the Department of City Development staff to investigate the availability of a grant through the Wisconsin Historical Society's Historic Preservation Fund Subgrant program to cover the cost of consulting service for this project.

Attachments: [Frey](#)

Dan Frey explained that in his discussion with the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) regarding the eligibility of his property at 845 Villa Street to participate in the tax credit program, it was suggested to him that his property may be eligible for the program if including in a historic district.

Principal Planner Sadowski explained that in tandem with Mr. Frey's request, a letter of intent has been sent to WHS alerting them that we may be submitting an application for a Historic Preservation Fund subgrant to help fund either a reconnaissance survey, or prepare a national register nomination. He explained that the efforts would serve the end result of either expanding the southside historic district or creating an addition thereto.

A motion was made by Commission Member Lacock, seconded by Commissioner Veranth, that an area roughly bounded by 7th Street, Center Street, 11th Street, and Villa Street, and lands adjacent thereto, be evaluated or nominated for a potential expansion or addition to the National Register South Side Historic District.

Commission members also supported the continued efforts of staff to investigate the availability of a grant through the Wisconsin Historical Society's Historic Preservation Fund Subgrant program to cover the cost of consulting service for this project.

The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Buildings being razed:

At the request of Commission members, Principal Planner Sadowski stated that he would discuss with the Chief Building Inspector the possibility of obtaining better photographic representations when raze permits are distributed to Commission members.

Old Business:

Upon inquiry by Alderman Morgenroth, Principal Planner Sadowski stated that he had not yet obtained information on the permissibility of reproducing artifacts. He stated he would research the question further.

New Business:

None.

Administrative Business:

Education and Outreach: Workshops 2012 Planning.

Commission members set the tentative date for the preservation workshops for Saturday, April 14 or 21, 2012. Members discussed securing the alternative venue the DeKoven Center.

Commission members discussed potential presenters such as Jan Roland (roofing), Willie Wright (classic & custom word work), Herald Solburg (use of architectural salvage), plaster repair, paint color research and forensics.

Commission members discussed potential promotional efforts such as flyers at stores, news paper ads, mailers, "Lifestyles", Journal Times.

Future Initiatives: Commission activities?

Principal Planner Sadowski stated that S. C. Johnson & Son wishes to re-designate the research tower and administration building at 1525 Howe Street. He stated that the request is time sensitive to coincide with SCJ's effort to have these buildings adopted as World Heritage sites. As such, he stated that a change in the next meeting date is being requested to accommodate the World Heritage process.

To accommodate the SCJ's World Heritage Site bid, Commission member consented to moving their next meeting date to September 26, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commission Member Flynn and seconded by Alderman Morgenroth to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew G. Sadowski, Secretary
Principal Planner*