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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Landmarks Preservation Commission

Chris Flynn
Tony Veranth
Don Schumacher
Alderson Mollie Jones
Pippin Michelli
Pamela Deskins
John Monefeldt

Monday, March 12, 2018

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

Alderman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

PRESENT: 5 - Chris Flynn, Tony Veranth, Don Schumacher, Pippin Michelli and John Monefeldt

EXCUSED: 1 - Pamela Deskins

Approval of Minutes for the January 8, 2018 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Commissioner Monefeldt, to approve the minutes of the January 8 meeting. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

[0250-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Heritage Preservation Plan Update.

Attachments: [Revised Project Schedule](#)

Assistant Director Matt Sadowski introduced the request and Associate Planner Jeff Hintz to the Commission. He stated, this week, the Lakota Group will be in town doing reconnaissance of the City and will set up times with department heads to discuss their take on historic preservation and what the goals should be. He stated the first community speak out session will be in April to discuss findings and receive input on what should be done. He stated a draft report should be completed by April 20th for City staff to review and present to the LPC on May 14th. From that point, a plan will be created and a second community session will likely be held in July. He stated the goal is to have the plan completed by August 6th for the Common Council meeting on August 21st. From there, the plan will also be referred to the City Plan Commission for adoption into the City's Comprehensive Plan with the plan being adopted in October. Sadowski explained that the Cesar Chavez center input session was not as well attended as would have liked, but great input was received.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Monefeldt to receive and file the request. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

[0251-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of project findings by Heritage Research LTD regarding the 16th Street reconstruction project.

Attachments: [16th St No Adverse Effe_001](#)
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Sadowski introduced the item. He stated the project is still in preliminary stages. Letters were sent out to abutting property owners to get an initial response to the plan. He stated the consultants for the project, Heritage Research LTD (Heritage) felt there was minimal impact based on the letter sent out, however, realized what they felt was minimal, the state and property owners felt otherwise. Sadowski explained the project. He stated a reconstruction of 16th Street was planned from Racine Street to Main Street. He stated the project will be broken up into three segments: Wisconsin to Main Street, Grand Avenue to Wisconsin. SC Johnson is looking to widen the sidewalk for a new parkway, however, the Wisconsin State Historical Society stated that the medallions present in the sidewalk have great significance and would like them to be saved.

Monefeldt stated streets did not have to be symmetrical and asked if there were a site plan for the project.

Sadowski stated there is no detailed plan available, at this point, everything is conceptual.

Discussion ensued.

Sadowski explained a phase of the project which would be from Wisconsin to Main Street. He stated the project proposes taking a foot on one side of the street to expand for a bike lane.

Monefeldt expressed concern with the width of the bike lanes when compared to the size of others in the city and the size of the roadway.

Sadowski stated that they were playing off of the City's pathway (bike path) plan. He stated two different alternatives were presented at meeting last fall – restricted parking and bike lane the other half bike lane and travel. He showed the commission which plan was settled on; at this point bike lanes on both sides and travel lanes. He stated the curb line will be removed

Michelli asked if there were a way to conserve the green space to avoid the cutback of the curb so the trees would live longer.

Discussion ensued regarding other options.

Monefeldt stated widening the right of way will kill the trees. He stated if possible, would like to speak to the consultants about their plans.

Sadowski stated there will be more community meetings.

Ald. Jones asked if we could request Heritage for them to attend a meeting.

Sadowski stated yes.

Sadowski showed the brick that would possibly be affected on 16th Street.

Schumacher stated this will affect the water collecting on the street, and may cause

drainage issues.

Monefeldt asked if the Wisconsin State Historical Society commented regarding the College Avenue Historic District and the historic bricks present.

Schumacher stated they did and it was his understanding that College Avenue was to be protected.

Sadowski stated that in one of their letters they are aware of the historical significance of the College Avenue bricks

In response to Sadowski's question about the preferred treatment, Schumacher stated in a perfect world the brick would continue straight across the intersection.

Discussion ensued.

Sadowski explained that the crosswalk had to be ADA compliant.

The Commission agreed that the preferred method would be to run the brick across the crosswalk.

Monefeldt stated the brick should meet the ADA requirements.

The Commission agreed a weak second would be replacing with brick pavers and concrete was the third choice and inappropriate choice.

Schumacher stated bricks width of College Avenue all across 16th Street. He stated all four crosswalks should be included and the entire intersection should be brick.

Commissioners would like to be informed of the next public meetings.

Sadowski explained that LPC approval was not needed. He stated the Commission just needs to provide review and comment for the project to move forward.

Flynn asked if College Avenue were the only brick street in the city.

Sadowski answered there are some others such as Yout, Bebe Court, etc.; however, they are not as big as College Avenue.

The Commission agreed that the preferred method would be to run the brick across the crosswalk, a weak second would be replacing with brick pavers, and using concrete would be the third and inappropriate choice.

Administrative Business

Updates and Discussions:
Raze Permit

Michelli asked if a house were razed near Washington and Taylor Avenues.

Monefeldt stated it was an empty lot.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.