

## MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL – 75 N. BONSON STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Frieders, Ken Kilian, Garrison Ledbury, Paul Soderblom

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Garry Prohaska, Tracey Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Albees

ALTERNATES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ric Riniker, Joe Carroll

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristal Prohaska

### Call to Order

Chairman Kilian called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

### Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2023

Motion by Frieders to approve the minutes. Second by Prohaska. Motion approved.

### Action Items

- a. Certificate of Appropriateness – 30 N. Second Street

Request to replace old metal fence around beer garden with cedar boards mounted horizontally. A customer was cut on the old fence and it was very rusty so it needed to be replaced. The metal frame was reused but was repainted black. The lower portion of the fence is concrete that remains but was painted. The fence boards will be treated with a clear coat finish.

This item was tabled at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide members an opportunity to check if there are standards related to fences.

Carroll provided photos taken from the book “Images of America – Platteville” that showed some horizontal board fences from the late 1880s. The previous fence was not original and was not historic.

Frieders and Prohaska mentioned some of the standards that they found. None of them are directly applicable to this situation. The standards are basically focused on maintaining historic fences if they are present. There are limited standards related to new fences.

There was some discussion related to other fences in the downtown area. Some discussion related to potential improvements to the fence. Staff commented that it isn’t the job of the Commission to design the fence, but to approve or deny the fence that was requested.

Motion by Prohaska to not approve the fence as presented. Second by Frieders. Motion failed.

Motion by Soderblom to approve the fence. Second by Ledbury. Motion approved 3-2.  
(Prohaska and Frieders voted against)

b. Certificate of Appropriateness – 45 N. Second Street

Request to install a new wall sign and vinyl window signs for the Beastro Se7en restaurant. The wall sign will be 15' wide by 16" high, but mounted on a panel that is 23' wide. The sign will be internally lit. The letters will be white, the number 7 will be red, and the background will be black.

Prohaska mentioned that he believes the request meets all the signage standards.

Motion by Prohaska to approve the signage with the condition that the frame be mounted in the mortar joints. Second by Frieders. Motion approved unanimously.

**Discussion Items**

a. Potential CLG Grant Application

The commission reviewed the grant application materials. There was some discussion about potential projects. The most likely to be funded would probably be continuing the efforts to have individual properties listed that were considered eligible. The new owners of 1050 N Second Street have shown some interest in being listed. The new owners of the Armory may also be interested. The next step is to contact the owners of the properties that are considered eligible but have not been listed. Carroll will send a letter to the property owners to determine their interest. Carroll will also contact the SHS to let them know we will be pursuing a grant.

**Citizen Comments**

Kristal Prohaska provided an update regarding the efforts to get a historical marker for Indian Park. The State is asking for information on where the sign will be located and how it will be installed. They want to make sure the installation will not cause any disruption. There is high demand for the signs, so there is a delay in obtaining the signs. They are verifying the application and there is a long backlog to get signs made.

The group still needs to check with the Parks Department and need to check more with the State. There was some concern mentioned related to the mowers driving over the monument slab when cutting grass. This will be addressed with the Parks Department.

**Announcements/Upcoming Items**

Fall historic preservation conference will be in La Crosse in October 19-21. Send updated member list to WAHPC.

**Next Meeting Date**

If needed, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Frieders has a conflict over the next 8 weeks with Tuesday and Thursdays, so an early start would be better. Agenda items: Potential CLG Grant Submittal and Indian Park Signage as discussion items.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Soderblom to adjourn. Second by Ledbury. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned 7:31 p.m.

  
Joe Carroll, Community Development Director

6/20/2023  
Date Approved