

MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL – 75 N. BONSON STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Frieders, Ken Kilian, Paul Soderblom

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Garry Prohaska, Tracey Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT: Garrison Ledbury, Michael Albees

ALTERNATES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ric Riniker, Joe Carroll

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristal Prohaska, Laurie Graney

Call to Order

Chairman Kilian called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2023

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

Action Items

a. Certificate of Appropriateness – 95 W. Main Street

The applicant would like to paint a mural on the west façade of the Driftless Market building. The main building façade faces Main Street, but this would be on the Court Street façade.

There were concerns about painting a brick historic building that has not been painted previously. There were also concerns that the mural extends too far onto the façade and covers some of the decorative brickwork, specifically by the second floor windows and entrance area at the corner. The preferred alternative would be to paint the mural on a panel(s) that are mounted on the building. There were no concerns with the artwork itself or the subject matter. There was a suggestion to approve the mural with parameters: stay under the second floor windows, stay away from the entry detail (2 feet), paint on panels that are mounted into the mortar joints with spacers.

Motion by Prohaska to approve the mural with parameters; located on west side of building, below second floor windows, no higher than sign, minimum 2 feet away from entry area, painted on panels that are mounted to the wall into the mortar joints and spaced away from brick (approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ "). Second by Frieders. Motion approved.

b. Local Designation – Rountree Stone Cottage: 460 W. Madison Street

An application and information has been submitted requesting the Rountree Stone Cottage property at 460 W. Madison be designated as a local historic site. The property is already listed on the State/National Register of Historic Places. Designated on the national register in 1972, state register in 1989, but not locally.

The required process is for the Commission to hold a public hearing to consider the designation.

Motion by Soderblom to set a public hearing for September 21st at 6:00 p.m. Second by Roberts. Motion approved.

Discussion Items

a. CLG Grant Application

Carroll informed the Commission that he sent an email to the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Office informing them that we intend to submit an application for a CLG grant to assist with the nomination of four properties: the Armory at 475 N. Water Street, 1050 N. Second Street, 560 N. Court Street, and 790 S. Court Street. The application is due on December 18th.

b. Subcommittee Meetings

The subcommittee has been meeting to review the proposed changes to Chapter 27 and make a recommendation back to the full Commission. When this subcommittee was formed, Prohaska was not a member of the Commission, but now that he is a member, each time this group meets there is a quorum of the Commission present. These meetings need to be posted, open to the public, and minutes kept.

Prohaska provided information regarding what has been discussed by the subcommittee. He requested the members review the information referenced in the handout so they are ready to review the ordinance.

c. Indian Park Signage

The group is still waiting to hear from the state regarding the information that has been submitted. There have been some delays due to the signage ordering. They will not hear anything until later this fall at the earliest, but possibly not until spring.

Citizen Comments

Kristal Prohaska recommends attending the fall historic preservation conference, they always have good information.

Announcements/Upcoming Items

Prohaska asked who would be attending the conference in the fall. He is planning to attend. Roberts is thinking about attending and Riniker is planning to attend. Prohaska asked if the City could cover part of the costs of attending. Carroll informed the commission that the budget has been spent for this year. There is another fund with money remaining from years ago that possibly could be used. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at **6:00 p.m.**

Adjourn

Motion by Prohaska to adjourn. Second by Soderblom. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.



Joe Carroll, Community Development Director

9/21/2023
Date Approved