

CITY OF MENASHA
Landmarks Commission
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall – 140 Main Street
August 13, 2014
FINAL MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Grade at 4:30 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

LANDMARKS MEMBERS PRESENT: Ald. James Taylor and Commissioners Alison Mayer, Paul Brunette, Tom Grade and Kristi Lynch.

LANDMARKS MEMBERS EXCUSED:

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OTHERS PRESENT: CDD Keil, PP Homan, and Tom Konetzke, Nick Jevne, Ald. Stan Sevenich, Sylvia Biebel, Stacey Hoekstra, and Jen Zettel, Post Crescent.

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Minutes of the July 9, 2014 Landmarks Commission Meeting

Motion by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Comm. Mayer to approve the July 9, 2014 Landmarks Commission meeting minutes. The motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM OF CONCERN ON THIS AGENDA OR ANY ITEM RELATED TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Tom Konetzke (858 Emily St) – Indicated his concerns as a citizen and from the Historic Society. Inquired about the powers of the Landmarks Commission.

Nick Jevne (1334 Mayer St) – Advocated for Landmarks Commission and Common Council to work together, and expressed confusion on approval of demolition without a plan in place.

Ald. Stan Sevenich (645 Ninth St) – Indicated he disagreed with the approval to demolish the hotel, and indicated council wasn't doing it's homework.

Sylvia Biebel (1437 Kenwood Dr, #4) - Desires for the public to be involved. Expressed distaste for Headwaters building.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Sign Application – 216 Main Street – The Revival

PP Homan distributed the design concept for the signs at the Revival, as currently exist at their Waupaca location. She indicated final dimensions had not been determined, however that would be handled through the sign permitting process.

Motion by Comm. Brunette, seconded by Comm. Mayer to approve the wall and projecting signs as presented. The motion carried.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Landmarks Commission Position on Saving the Façades of the Bank Buildings – Comm. Brunette

Commissioners discussed the status of the bank building in relation to the hotel redevelopment project. This discussion included:

- Desire to preserve facades and building components.

- Discussion of structures elsewhere where old facades have become part of new buildings.
- Desire to work collaboratively with the developers on the design of the building, and the potential of having the developers attend a future Landmarks Commission meeting.

Motion by Comm. Lynch, seconded by Comm. Mayer to prepare correspondence to the developers indicating their desire for collaboration on the design of the building and incorporation of the bank facades. The motion carried.

2. **Landmarks Commission Strategy Regarding Potential Demolitions of Historic Structures – Comm. Brunette**

Commissioners discussed the status of structures in the district that were in disrepair and at risk of demolition in the future. A need for developing strategies to ensure investment in these properties was discussed.

3. **Future Landmarks Commission Activities/Projects**

Comm. Mayer agreed to coordinate with the owner of 212 Main to spruce up their storefront windows with display of historic imagery, to follow up on efforts that occurred in 2013. PP Homan indicated she would forward previous correspondence with the owner.

4. **Façade Improvement Program Grant/Loan Balance**

No discussion occurred on facade grant/loan balance.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM OF CONCERN ON THIS AGENDA

1. Tom Konetzke indicated he liked the dialog at the meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Comm. Brunette to adjourn at 5:40 PM. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by PP Homan.