

CITY OF MENASHA
Landmarks Commission
Menasha City Center, Room 133
100 Main Street, Menasha

January 9, 2019
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Grade at 5:01 PM

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

LANDMARKS MEMBERS PRESENT: Ald. Tom Grade and Commissioners Massey, Almendarez, Mueller, and Wydeven.

LANDMARKS MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioners Hoff and Collier

OTHERS PRESENT: AP Joe Stephenson and Nick Jevnen (Menasha Historic Society)

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Minutes of the October 25, 2018 Landmarks Commission Meeting
Comm. Mueller made a motion to approve the October 25, 2018 Landmarks Commission Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Comm. Wydeven.
The motion carried.

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

Five (5) minute time limit for each person

Nick Jevnen (Menasha Historical Society) informed the Commission that the Historical Society acquired 100 bricks from the Brinn building and will be using them for a fundraiser. In addition, they acquired one of the old pillars from the Theatre room.

The commission asked if they could have access to the photos that the historical society keeps in order to help them with the website update.

Nick Jevnen (Menasha Historical Society) told the Commission he would bring it up at their next Historical Society Board meeting.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

F. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 7 Tayco Street Discussion

At the previous Landmarks meeting the Commission discussed 7 Tayco Street and wished to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The Commission ensued in general discussion with the following items being discussed:

- How the streetscape looks without the Brinn.
- Finding a developer that works with existing historical structures and incorporates them into new development.
- If it was possible to move 7 Tayco Street.
- The lack of historical buildings left within the City of Menasha.

- The landmarks duty to preserve history.

No action was taken.

2. Landmarks Website Update

AP Stephenson gave an update on the website and informed the Commission that Commissioner Wydeven had begun work on the update.

Commissioner Wydeven informed the Commission that the mapping application was very easy to update and is coming along.

The Commission would like to present the new application at the May Council meeting. While the application will always be in flux and routinely updated the Commission feels that if they populate the application with fifty (50) landmarks it will be ready to be opened to the public.

No action was taken.

3. Landmarks Ordinance Discussion

The Commission talked about their historic district ordinance with the following items being discussed:

- The need for stronger regulations.
- The dilapidated state of many historic buildings within Menasha.
- The merits of instituting a vacancy tax for commercial buildings with no operational business.
- Updating the nuisance portion of the ordinance.
- Demolition by neglect.

No action was taken.

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

Five (5) minute time limit for each person

There were no public comments at this time.

H. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Comm. Massey and seconded by Comm. Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM. The motion carried.

Minutes prepared by AP Joe Stephenson.