

CITY OF MENASHA
Landmarks Commission
Menasha City Center, Room 133
100 Main Street, Menasha
June 17th, 2020
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alderperson Tom Grade at 5:06 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

LANDMARKS MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderperson Tom Grade, Commissioners Dean Wydeven, Kate Mueller and Kim Massey

LANDMARKS MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioners Arnie Collier, Thomas Almendarez and Jeff Heimerman.

OTHERS PRESENT: AP Stephenson, Mayor Merkes, Paul Brunette (210 Main Street), Nick Jevne (210 Main Street) and Bill Bante (192 Main).

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Minutes of the December 17, 2019 Landmarks Commission Meeting

Com. Wydeven made a motion to approve the minutes of December 17th, 2019 Landmarks Commission Meeting.

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

Paul Brunette (210 Main Street): spoke about maintenance issues within the downtown historic district.

Nick Jevne (210 Main Street): spoke about maintenance issues within the downtown historic district.

Bill Bante (192 Main Street): spoke about maintenance issues within the downtown historic district.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

F. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness: New Construction – 1 Main Street and Demolition – 7 Tayco Street and 13 Main

AP Stephenson gave an update of the proposed construction on the above addresses.

The Landmarks Commission entered into a conversation with the following being discussed:

1. How the building fits in with the surrounding area.
2. What the use of the building will be.
3. Historic items that should be preserved on 7 Tayco Street.
4. The need for downtown revitalization.

Com. Mueller made a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness for new construction on 1 Main Street and the demolition of 7 Tayco and 13 Main with the following items being kept for historic purposes:

1. The keystones on the windows on 7 Tayco.
2. The date stone on 7 Tayco.
3. The upper gate stone portion of 7 Tayco.
4. The gears from the public space.
5. The benches from the public space.

The motion was seconded by Com. Massey. The motion carried.

2. Draft Vacant Building Registration Ordinance

AP Stephenson gave an update on the ordinance.

The Landmarks Commission entered into a conversation with the following being discussed:

1. The need for a vibrant downtown.
2. Changes in exceptions to the rules.
3. Landmarks ability to recommend blighting a building.
4. Where best to use the funds collected from the registration process.

A motion was made by Com. Mueller to approve the draft ordinance with the following revisions:

1. Make it clear in exceptions that service industries are excluded from the hour requirements and not the remainder of the ordinance.
2. Add a section regarding blight and maintenance of property.
3. Add a section that puts the registration fees into a fund that can be used for building maintenance.

The motion was seconded by Com. Wydeven. The motion carried.

Final approval of this ordinance as well as a public hearing, will appear at the next Landmarks Meeting.

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

Five (5) minute time limit for each person

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Com. Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. The motion was seconded by Alderperson Grade. The motion carried.

Minutes prepared by AP Stephenson.