

CITY OF MENASHA
Landmarks Commission
Virtual Meeting
February 10th, 2021
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alderperson Grade at 5:15 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

LANDMARKS MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderperson Tom Grade, Commissioners Dean Wydeven, Thomas Almendarez, and Kim Massey

LANDMARKS MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioners Jeff Heimerman, Arnie Collier and Kate Mueller

OTHERS PRESENT: PP Stephenson, CDD Schroeder, Alderperson Nichols (District 1), Alderperson Taylor (District 2), and Sandra Dabill-Taylor (545 Broad Street).

C. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing at this time.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Minutes of the December 9, 2020 Landmarks Commission Meeting

Com. Wydeven made a motion to approve the minute of December 9th, 2020 Landmarks Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Com. Massey. The motion carried.

E. 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

Sandra Dabill-Taylor (545 Broad): informed the landmarks commission she was not in favor of an update to the existing façade grant/loan policy and felt that updating the policy was not needed. She also expressed her interest in expanding historic districts to the south shore area.

Alderperson Taylor (District 2): Thanked the Landmarks Commission for their service and gave input on the façade grant/loan policy.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

G. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Expansion of Historic Districts

PP Stephenson gave an update on the process and history of Historic Districts in Menasha.

No action was taken.

2. Façade/Loan Grant Update

Item G(2) was moved by the chairperson ahead of item G(1) at 5:29 PM

PP Stephenson gave an update on the proposed redline policy presented by staff. These changes would allow clarification and provide better direction to the Landmarks Commission for which projects to approve or deny.

The Landmarks Commission deliberated the changes at length with the following being discussed:

1. The mission of the Landmarks Commission opposed the intent of this policy.
2. The definition of a facade, as it relates to this policy.
3. Including rear facades in the policy.
4. Including alley and public parking lot adjacent facades.
5. How often a building can apply for the grant.
6. The need for owners to have their debts paid to the city before applying for the program.

No action was taken at this time. This item will appear on the next Landmarks Commission Meeting for further deliberation.

3. Plaques Policy Discussion

Alderson Grade gave an update on the need for a plaque policy that would safe guard the city's property.

4. Historic Preservation Month Discussion

Alderson Grade gave a brief update on the upcoming historic month and tasked the Commission members with coming up with questions that we can use for the virtual historic month event.

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

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Sandra Dabill-Taylor (545 Broad): Reiterated her displeasure with updating the façade grant/loan policy and clarified that when speaking about historic districts she was talking about a potential expansion in the south shore section of Menasha.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Com. Massey made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM. The motion as seconded by Com. Wydeven. The motion carried.

Minutes prepared by PP Stephenson.