



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, May 17, 2018

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Present: 7 - Charles Clemence, Terence R. Collins, Jessica Olson, Chris Kahlow, Ariel Beaujot, Daniel Manke, David Riel

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the April 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Terry Collins moved to approve the minutes. Ariel Beaujot seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items:

2. [18-0746](#) Review Nomination of the Maid Rite Cafe, located at 1121 Caledonia Street, to be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

David Riel moved to open a public hearing. Ariel Beaujot seconded. The motion passed 7-0. Joe Van Aelstyn provided an overview on the existing condition of the building, a brief history, and why it should be designated. Joe stated that the building was constructed with indigenous materials, that the building was older than Old Towne North, and that it is included in the Wisconsin Historical Society's inventory. Charles Clemence asked about the status of the current raze order on the building. Joe stated that he feels that he stabilized the building and addressed the issues on the raze order but that the decision to remove the raze order is in the hands of the Circuit Court. Chris Kahlow asked if the ordinance could be amended to allow for raze orders to be removed if the infractions were corrected. Joe replied that the process is established in State Statutes and would have to be amended at that level. David Riel thanked Joe for his efforts to fix the building. Jessica Olson asked if the applicant owned other historic properties and if he was familiar with the process of obtaining approval for any exterior work. Joe said he was. Jessica Olson asked which time periods he would be restoring it to. Joe stated that he would restore it all the way back to its original. Ariel Beaujot moved to close the public hearing. Chris Kahlow seconded. The motion passed 7-0. David Riel moved to approve the designation for its distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type and for its contribution to the broad social history of La Crosse. Ariel Beaujot seconded. The motion passed 6-0. Terry Collins abstained. Jessica Olson stated that this building is unique and that most people would not think to save. Charles Clemence stated that it is a win when you can save the everyday building that people lived and worked in.

3. [18-0747](#) Review of a Certificate of Recommendation for the property located at 1310 Denton Street. (Strassers Tavern)

Charles Clemence moved to open a public hearing. Ariel Beaujot seconded. The motion passed 7-0. Staff provided an overview of the project. The applicant intends to restore the exterior storefront as close as possible to its 1890's configuration with the exception of the entry door as it will be designed to accommodate ADA accessibility. Features will be repair and restore if possible and replaced with similar materials if needed. Marcus Zettler added that the project will also need a discovery phase where there may be some additional things found once the exterior materials are removed. Jessica Olson asked if the scope could change during this phase. Marcus stated that it would not. Terry Collins moved to approve the application as submitted. Ariel Beaujot seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

4. Update on the Architectural and Historic Intensive Survey Project- Barbara Kooiman

Barbara Kooiman was not available to provide an update on this project. Jessica Olson requested that an actionable item be placed on the agenda which would include legal options to rectify the breach of contract and recover the funding that was expended by the City if Ms. Kooiman does not finish and submit the final document by the June 21, 2018 meeting. Terry Collins asked what the reasons were to push for this action. Staff replied that it has been 2 1/2 years since the project was started when the contract was only for 1 year. Staff also stated that several people are waiting for the report to be finished in order to determine National Register eligibility and possible taking advantage of State and Federal tax credits.

5. 2018 Code of Ethics.

David Riel moved to refer this item to the June meeting in order to give the Commissioners more time to review the Code of Ethics. Ariel Beaujot seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

Chris Kahlow asked to have an item related to the Commission's involvement in their requested public works projects. Jessica Olson recognized Ariel Beaujot's last meeting and her contributions to the Commission. Terry Collins moved to adjourn the meeting. Ariel Beaujot seconded. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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