



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, October 28, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center- 1300 6th St S

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Roll Call

Also in attendance: Will Kratt, Kayla Price

Present: 6 - John J. Satory, David Riel, Laura Godden, Janet Allen, Mackenzie Mindel, Monica Gorski

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Morris

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

David Riel moved to approve the minutes. John Satory seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Items:

2. Discussion with ISG on Pearl Street Enhancements.

Will Kratt from ISG stated that they will be starting some visioning for possible design improvements for Pearl Street and the Pearl Street walkway. Scope is visioning, public engagement, plan for future concepts, and development of

preliminary concepts. Want to include the Heritage Preservation Commission as Pearl Street is within the historic district. Important to discuss now before other projects involving Pearl Street occur. Will stated that ISG would like the commissioners to participate in the process and stated that they expect to be back before them to share proposed plans.

3. [21-1105](#) Review of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 924 Cass Street. (10th & Cass District)

Staff stated that they have not heard from the applicant on the status of their project. CM Mindel asked what the Commission would have to do to make the applicant reapply. Staff stated that the Commission would have to deny the application to make them reapply. Janet Allen joined the meeting. David Riel made a motion to deny. John Satory seconded. Staff suggested that the Commission attempt to contact them one more time if the Commission is proposing denial in order to give them one last chance. David Riel asked how staff has been contacting the applicant. Staff stated that it was only through email and only requesting an update. David Riel amended his motion to refer for 30 days in order to allow the applicants one last chance to respond. John Satory seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

4. [21-1555](#) Discussion and review of proposed amendments to Chapter 20 of the Municipal Code administering Historic Preservation.

Staff explained to the Commission that this ordinance was to change review of individually designated properties from a non-binding Certificate of Recommendation to a binding Certificate of Appropriateness. Kayla Price went through the proposed amendments to Chapter 20 with the Commission. This included adding definitions, changing the type of review, and including language for property owners to notify the City if they do not want to keep their property historically designated. Staff also informed the Commission that they would like to remove all the language referring to demolition at this time as they are still looking at this issue on a city wide scale and working on a larger review of this process. David Riel expressed his concern about making sure that the demolition process is amended in order to protect those buildings that are not locally designated as those are in greater danger. Staff agreed and stated that a larger review of demolition is being undertaken. Laura Godden moved to make the revisions and submit to Council for approval. David Riel seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

5. Update on Heritage Preservation Commission Intern Projects.

Kayla Price provided an update on her intern projects for the fall semester. She provided additional information on the demolition process project, Downtown signage ordinance amendments, and looking at ghost signs.

6. Discussion on 2022 Most Endangered Properties List.

Staff stated that it was time for the Commission to be thinking about the list for the most endangered properties for 2022 and how the Commission want to move forward with this effort. CM Mindel supports doing it yearly. David Riel suggested that the Commission just replace the buildings that were lost with new ones. Since we lost two of the buildings on the list the Commission would only be replacing them. Laura stated that the write ups for each building was a large time commitment and suggested that more of that workload be shared

moving forward. CM Mindel also liked building off of the existing list so as not to forget about what was already considered threatened or endangered. Laura also suggested making sure we brainstorm additional ways to reach out to the public and publicize this effort. John Satory also agreed to keep promoting the existing ones and just adding new ones to replace what was removed from the list. David Riel stated that two buildings are gone and that we should agree on two properties to replace them and that each commission member comes up with two to three properties to be considered at the next meeting but also keep the process open for properties that come up unexpectedly as threatened. CM Mindel stated that she would like a working group to be formed to assist with this effort and refine the process so it can be implemented efficiently each year.

7. Discussion on November and December 2021 Meeting Dates.

Staff stated to the Commission that the November meeting falls on Thanksgiving and the December meeting falls on the day before Christmas Eve and asked the Commission about moving them to another day. The Commission agreed to move their November meeting to November 18th and to make it completely virtual or attempt to see if the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center. The Commission agreed to hold their meeting at their regular date of December 23rd but suggested that a Doodle Poll be sent out to confirm.

Adjournment

David Riel moved to adjourn the meeting. Janet Allen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

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