



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, May 23, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chamber- City Hall 400 La Crosse St

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Laura Godden, Natalie Heneghan, Greg Clark, Eric Garland, Jim Gallagher

Excused: 1 - Mackenzie Mindel

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the April 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Greg Clark moved to approve the minutes. Eric Garland seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

2. [24-0591](#) Nomination of the South Branch Library, located at 1307 16th Street S, to designated as a Local Historic Landmark. (Item Noticed For Public Hearing)

Natalie Heneghan moved to open a public hearing. Greg Clark seconded, The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Members of the public spoke.

Eric Garland moved to close the public hearing. Jim Gallagher seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Jim Gallagher moved to approve the nomination as submitted. Greg Clark seconded.

Jim Gallagher stated that he was impressed with the nomination.

Greg Clark also stated that he was impressed with the petition.

Eric Garland stated that he was impressed with the emails submitted on behalf of the nomination and that they were 100% in favor of its designation.

Natalie Heneghan echoed the commissioners statements but believed that more information was needed to support it being designated under the social history criterion.

Eric Garland stated that it only needed to meet one of the four criteria to be designated.

The motion passed 4-1 by voice vote. Heneghan voting no.

3. [24-0711](#)

Review of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 716 Copeland Ave. (St Elias Orthodox Church)

Staff provided an overview of the application and their recommendation.

The applicant, Marcus Zettler, provided additional information and stated that the addition was complimentary and respectful.

Greg Clark asked Marcus about the proposed siding.

Marcus stated that the siding chosen was the best type that gave the appearance of wood clapboard siding which was what the main church had.

Eric Garland asked if the primary purpose of the addition was for ADA purposes.

Marcus stated that it was as the current church has no ADA accessibility.

Greg Clark moved to approve the application as submitted. Eric Garland seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

4. [24-0473](#)

Review of proposed Ordinance regarding Ghost Signs.

Anna, Planning Intern, gave a presentation on ghost signs and presented a draft ordinance to the Commission.

Eric Garland suggested that staff work with the Arts Board to see how they can be involved.

Greg Clark asked staff to explain what it is we are trying to do.

Anna stated that we are attempting to draft language allowing the

preservation, and possible restoration of, ghost signs on historic buildings.

Laura Godden suggested looking at paint that is sympathetic in color and to brick.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

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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Heritage Preservation Commission Members

CM Mackenzie Mindel, Laura Godden, Greg Clark, Natalie Heneghan, Eric Garland, Jim Gallagher