



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, June 24, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Terence R. Collins, John J. Satory, Laura Godden, Janet Allen, Jennifer Morris, Mackenzie Mindel

Excused: 1 - David Riel

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the March 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

John Satory moved to approve the minutes. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

2. Approval of the April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Laura Godden stated that she was not able to open the minutes. Staff stated that they would check on this issue and suggested that they be referred to the next meeting. The Commission agreed.

Agenda Items:

3. Election of Chair

Terry Collins asked if Council Member Mackenzie Mindel will accept the role as chair of the Heritage Preservation Commission. CM Mindel accepted the position. CM Mindel introduced herself and provided a brief overview of her background.

4. [21-0604](#) Amended Nomination of the U.S. Fish Control Laboratory, located at 410 Veterans Memorial Drive E, to include the detached garage as a Local Historic Landmark.

Staff provided an overview of the process and a background on why this was being amended. In order for the garage to be restored it needs to be designated as historic since it is located in the floodplain. It was important for this garage to be restored so it could be utilized as part of an adaptive reuse effort. Terry Collins moved to amend the nomination to include the garage. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Update on 2022 Capital Budget Items.

Staff informed the Commission that the public hearing for the 2022 Capital Budget will be held on July 12th at 6pm at the South Side Neighborhood Center. Staff stated that the Commission has two items requested in this budget cycle and suggested to either attend the meeting to express their support or submit a letter of support to staff for the items. John Satory asked if we could use the relief money given to the City for some of these projects. Staff stated that they were unsure if these projects are eligible. CM Mindel also stated that there are very specific restrictions regarding what it could be used for and did not think it could be use for these projects.

6. Update on Casino Bar Building, Club Toucan Building, and Riverside Park cell tower.

Jennifer Morris joined the meeting.

Staff stated that the last thing they were aware of was that the owner of the Casino Bar is still awaiting settlement from the insurance company but that a raze order has been issued. David Reinhart stated that a Rehabilitate or Raze Order was issued and that the owner is working with the City Attorney on an agreement to fix up the building.

Staff stated that a Raze Order has been issued on the Club Toucan Building a month to a month and a half ago. They have six months from when it was issued to demolish the building. Staff also stated that their has been extensive communication from other building owners and downtown businesses with the owner to either purchase the building from them or convince them to not turn it down. John Satory stated that he would like to at least try and save the facade.

Staff explained that municipalities have less review power over the location of cell towers and reminded the Commission that comments for a Section 106 review were gathered at a previous meeting. David Reinhart stated that he was at the Board of Public Works and Park Board Meeting where it was stated that cell towers have a right, by State Statutes, to be located in public right-of-way and since it was proposed along State Street it is considered part of the right-of-way and not part of the park. Terry Collins asked about the design and location. Staff, David Reinhart, and Craig Snyder clarified the location and brought up the plans. John Satory expressed his concerns over

the equipment associated with cell towers.

7. [21-0971](#)

Communication from Wisconsin Historical Society on the nomination of Fire Station #5, located at 1220 Denton Street, to the National Register of Historic Places.

Staff stated that the Commission is being asked to comment on the pending nomination of former Fire Station #5 to the State and National Register of Historic Places. They also stated that in the past they have sent a letter of support on behalf of the Commission. Laura Godden moved to send a letter of support. John Satory seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment

Next meeting is July 22, 2021. Staff is interviewing a prospective intern for the fall to do historic preservation projects. Will discuss more with the Commission in July. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.

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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