



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, April 22, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center

1300 6th Street S

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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

CM Christine Kahlow was also present.

Present: 4 - John J. Satory, Laura Godden, Janet Allen, Jennifer Morris

Excused: 2 - Terence R. Collins, David Riel

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the March 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

John Satory moved to approve the minutes. Jennifer Morris seconded. Chief Gilliam stated that last month there was a request to provide transcripts and post recordings of past meetings and asked if those requests had been completed. Staff stated that the request to post recordings was submitted to the Clerk's Office as they are the only ones who have the capability of doing that.

Staff also stated that the request to transcribe a past meeting word for word takes time but that the task has been started. Chief Gilliam also stated that he had reviewed past meetings in regards to comments on abuse of commission members by himself and did not feel that he had conducted himself in an inappropriate matter. Further he stated that if the Commission still feels that way after reviewing the past minutes he suggests that it be turned over to the City Attorney's Office for review. If they feel that he had conducted himself in an appropriate manner he requests that an apology be provided to him from the commission member who had accused him. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

2. [21-0437](#) Nomination of Fire Station #4, located at 906 Gillette Street, to be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

Barbara Kooiman presented the nomination to the Commission. The property is proposed to be designated as it embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style and because it exemplifies or reflects the broad cultural, political, economic, or social history of the community. Chief Gilliam stated that his only concern at this time was the timing of this designation with the effort to move forward with a new facility at this location. John Satory moved to open a public hearing, Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote. Sue Bluske asked about lawn maintenance, vandalism of, and a fence of the surrounding properties. Chief Gilliam stated that they will be responsible for lawn maintenance and will still install a fence. They will also be responsible for the safety of the homes until they are demolished.

Janet Allen joined the meeting at 6:17pm

CM Andrea Richmond stated that the homes can still come down and it needs to be a priority. Dennis Ross asked that if the property was designated what are some real alternatives that the building could be used for. Staff stated that they have been working on an RFP to determine what it could be used for. Some inquiries have been made to the department. Would look to have input from the surrounding neighborhood as to what they would support. Michael Sigman stated that preservation of the building only is important and beneficial if it is privately owned. Chief Gilliam stated that the surrounding buildings will be demolished soon and are working to salvage as much as possible to reduce what is going to the landfill. John Satory moved to close the public hearing. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. Laura Godden moved to approve the nomination as submitted. John Satory seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

3. [21-0584](#) Review Application to Exceed the 17' Height Limitation for an accessory structure located at 1731 Madison Street.

Staff provided an overview of the project and staff report. John Satory moved to approve the application as submitted. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

4. [21-0589](#) Review of a Certificate of Recommendation for the property located at 1025 Main Street. (Calvin Manuel/George Metzger House)

Staff provided an overview of the project and staff report. Laura Godden

moved to approve the application as submitted. Jennifer Morris seconded. Laura Godden stated that is a very beautiful house and the owner has done a great job of maintaining it. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

5. [21-0595](#)

Review of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 1024 Cass Street in the 10th and Cass Historic District. (James Vincent House)

Staff provided an overview of the project and staff report. Staff indicated that the applicant is requesting flexibility in the height of the carriage house. It would not exceed the proposed height in the plans. It would be lower if revised. The design would not change. Only the walls on the second floor would be shorter. CM Kahlow asked about whether the height was too tall. Staff stated that it met the design standards for the district. It was not taller than the house and staff felt it did not dominate the house. CM Kahlow asked if the surrounding neighbors get notified about this type of applications. Staff indicated that there is not a requirement to do so. John Satory asked if the upstairs would be used as an airbnb or any dwelling unit. Staff stated that they would not be permitted to do so. Laura Godden asked if the stone is intended to match the foundation of the house. The applicant, Dave Rudrud, stated that it was intended to match the era of the neighborhood and blend it in. Jennifer Morris moved to approve the application as submitted with the flexibility in height not to exceed what was submitted per staff recommendation. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote. John Satory was not present for the vote.

6. [21-0133](#)

Review of plans for the exterior project located at 201-225 3rd Street N. (Commercial Design Review Requirement)

Staff provided an overview of the project and staff report of the applicant's final plans for the building. CM Kahlow asked if this was binding decision by the Commission or a recommendation only. Staff stated that the review is required by the Commercial Design Review process so the Commission has some authority. Laura Godden asked about structural concerns occurring with their project. Staff stated that they will have to provide that information to the Inspections Department before they can get a permit. Laura Godden asked if the existing plaster can be removed and restore the brick rather than patch the plaster. Staff stated that they did not think they could require them to do so. John Satory moved to approve the application as submitted. Janet Allen seconded. CM Kahlow stated that overall the applicant is doing a great job on the building and thanked them for their effort. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

7. [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 amendment. Currently this property is located in the floodplain/floodway and the City is limited, and in some cases prohibited, from being able to make improvements to the buildings. There are some exceptions if the buildings are designated as historic. During this review it was discovered that the detached garage was not included as part of the local designation and in order to include this building in the restoration efforts the original nomination is proposed to be amended to include it. Laura Godden moved to accept the nomination. Janet Allen seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

8. [21-0585](#) Request for comment on the plans for a telecommunications tower in Riverside Park as part of a Section 106 Review.
- Staff provided an overview of the request. The Commission has been requested to provide comment on a Section 106 review of a cellular tower in Riverside Park. MVAC provided comment to staff as part of the process. Jim Flottmeyer stated that this item would have to go to the Board of Park Commissioners for review. John Satory stated that he was against this project going into the park, especially due to the electrical cabinet that goes with such a facility. John Satory moved for the Commission to state that this project would have a negative impact on the park due to its location to the entrance of the park, impact to the visual aesthetic of the park, and the need for additional buildings as part of the facility. Laura Godden seconded. Laura Godden stated that it was in a pretty conspicuous spot in the park. Jennifer Morris asked how tall it would be. Staff stated that it be 30'-2" in height. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote. Janet Allen was not present for the vote.**

9. Discussion/Update on the Lost La Crosse Project.

Staff had no updates on this item. Laura Godden asked when the vote for the Capital Budget would occur. Staff stated that it would happen in August by the Plan Commission and then in September by the Council.

Adjournment

John Satory moved to adjourn the meeting. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm. Janet Allen was not present for the vote.

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