



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, March 25, 2021

6:00 PM

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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 6 - John J. Satory, Chris Kahlow, David Riel, Laura Godden, Janet Allen, Jennifer Morris
Excused: 1 - Terence R. Collins

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

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Agenda Items:

3. [21-0437](#) Nomination of Fire Station #4, located at 906 Gillette Street, to be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

David Riel stated that since he was the person who had written the nomination on behalf of the Preservation Alliance of La Crosse, and serves on their Board of Directors, he will be recusing himself from this item. Staff (Tim Acklin) stated that he also serves on the Preservation Alliance of La Crosse's Board of Directors but had recused himself from all discussions and meetings regarding this item and that their minutes would reflect that. Staff then provided an overview of the process for nominations. The process takes two meetings of the Heritage Preservation Commission. The first meeting typically includes the HPC reviewing the nomination to make sure that the nomination is complete and meets one of the four criteria for nomination. If the HPC accepts the nomination they move to approve a date to hold a public hearing, which is typically the Commission's next monthly meeting. Staff then publishes a notice in the Tribune and sends a Certified Letter to the owner of the property. The second meeting is where the public hearing is held to hear from the public and make the final decision on the nomination. If approved and nominated as a local landmark the owner has 30 days to appeal the decision to the Common Council. Laura Godden moved to accept the nomination. Jennifer Morris seconded. Laura Godden stated that she was concerned that the association with an architect or builder was not marked as being met as she felt that it did meet that criteria. Staff stated that the discussion to add that could be held at the next meeting during the public hearing. The motion passed 4-0.

4. Discussion on historic preservation projects for 2021.

Janet Allen joined the meeting. Staff stated that they would like to lead the HPC through a small exercise to determine what projects the Commission would like to accomplish this year. One project was to amend the Ordinance to require a Certificate of Appropriateness of individually listed properties. Staff also listed past projects that have been completed. John Satory asked about Council Members signing off on demolition permits. David Reinhart stated that Council Members are required to be notified when a demolition permit is issued. It is not required for them to sign off to allow them to get one. CM Kahlow asked that if Council

Members get notified if there was a raze order on the property. David stated that only when a demolition permit is issued are they notified. Staff stated that other cities have demolition delay ordinances that require additional time for specific properties for review. Would require significant conversations with the Community Risk Management Department. Laura Godden agreed that it would be worthwhile to look into this process. David Riel agreed. CM Kahlow asked about Lost La Crosse going into the 2020 CIP requests. HPC will need to lobby. Start discussion on 2022 10 most endangered.

Adjournment

David Riel moved to adjourn the meeting. John Satory seconded. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

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