



Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, March 16, 2017

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.

Present: 5 - Charles Clemence, Vacant 1, Chris Kahlow, Phillip A. Ostrem, Daniel Manke

Excused: 2 - Terence R. Collins, Ariel Beaujot

1. Approval of the February 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Phil Ostrem moved to approve the minutes. Charles Clemence second. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Items:

2. [17-0329](#) Nomination of the Henry Esperson/Joseph Funke House, located at 1414 Cass Street, to be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

Chris Kahlow moved to approve the nomination of the Henry Esperson/Joseph Funke House to be designated as a local historic landmark and to hold a public hearing on April 20, 2017. Dan Manke seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

3. [17-0333](#) Review application for a Certificate of Recommendation for the the property located at 1310 Denton Street. (JP Strasser's Tavern)

Chris Kahlow moved for no recommendation (Neither deny or approve). Phil Ostrem seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

4. [17-0321](#) AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Section 115-320(e)(2)(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regulating window openings on commercial facades in the Downtown Commercial Historic District.

Chris Kahlow, Dan Manke, Charles Clemence, and Phil Ostrem all stated that the proposed amended ordinance was difficult to understand. They also stated that any materials used other than a window in a window opening should be only be approved at the discretion of the Heritage Preservation Commission. Chris Kahlow moved to approve the ordinance as amended by the Heritage Preservation Commission. Phil Ostrem seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Discussion on Myrick Park Duck Pond Restoration.

Randy Thompson, representing Bring Back Myrick Park Zoo, updated the Commission on the current efforts of the group on restoring the Myrick Park Duck Pond. Randy presented an estimated budget for the project and requested feedback from the Commission on a few of the items. He stated that he has been working very closely with the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department on this project and they suggested that the pond also be used for stormwater management. The pond would be designed in a way so as not to see any of the infrastructure associated with managing the stormwater from Myrick Park Center. Randy asked the Commission if they would be okay with the Duck Pond also being used for this purpose. Randy also asked if the roof material could be changed to modern roofing tile rather than the slate roofing material that was originally used. Lastly, Randy asked the Commission their preference on restoring and keeping the bridge or eliminating it from the project. Charles Clemence stated that he had no problem with the pond also being used for stormwater management as long as the infrastructure needed is not visible. The rest of the Commission agreed. Charles then stated that he would be interested in knowing what the difference in cost is between the two materials for the roof. He also stated that there are a lot of less expensive, quality materials available now that could be used that would keep the slate look. Using slate or a material that looks like slate would be preferred. The Commission agreed. The Commission all agreed that eliminating the bridge was not preferred. The bridge was an integral architectural feature of the pond and must be incorporated back into the restoration. Chris Kahlow stated that if the City wants to use it for stormwater management they should also help fund its restoration. The City contributed to its demolition it should help with preserving it. The Commission also stated that they would prefer to not have the pond enclosed by a chain link fence. It should be an ornamental style fence. Chris Kahlow moved to direct staff to submit a Capital Budget Request for 2018 in the amount of \$100,000 to assist with the restoration of the Myrick Park Duck Pond. Dan Manke seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Discussion and possible action on notification/education of property/business owners in local historic districts.

Chris Kahlow moved to direct staff to prepare a letter for business and property owners in both Local Historic Districts to educate and inform them of the design requirements associated with any exterior building improvements. Dan Manke seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Booth at March 25, 2017 Mayor Expo.

Staff asked the Commission what materials to prepare for the Heritage Preservation Commission's booth at the Mayor's Expo on March 25th. Chris Kahlow requested that there should be a plaque, walking tour brochures, nomination forms, tax credit brochures, and pictures of designated buildings.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items**Adjournment**

Chris Kahlow moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil Ostrem seconded. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

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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