



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, April 28, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall Grandad Room

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Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Roll Call

Present: 6 - John J. Satory, David Riel, Laura Godden, Janet Allen, Mackenzie Mindel, Monica Gorski

Excused: 1 - Jennifer Morris

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 24th have yet to be approved and should be on the next agenda.

1. Approval of the March 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes, Gorski seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Agenda Items:

2. Discussion on open meetings laws and use of email.

Mindel gave an overview of the provided documents. Commission cannot debate unless in a publicly noticed meeting. Mindel gave examples of conference calls,

email, walking quorum, and ex parte communication. Staff suggested using BCC when emailing commission to disable Reply All.

3. [22-0640](#)

Nomination of the Charles Felber House- Sears Roebuck & Co Home, located at 2326 Madison Street, to be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

Attachments: [Application](#)
 [Email write up.pdf](#)
 [Sears Roebuck Ad for Home](#)

Riel asked about the house name, which is typically named for the first owner, in this case, Charles Felber. He suggested checking again whether the house was on the State and National Historic Register; applicant needs to check with neighbor and should be able to find publicly available. Application needs a photo of the house and signatures. Staff has documents from application about San Jose houses left in the US. Applicant could see about getting this house authenticated; might be able to find labels or pieces from shipping container in attic. Mindel suggested Riel and staff work with applicant on those issues before the next HPC meeting.

Riel motioned to open a public hearing, Satory seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Allen made a motion to close public hearing, Satory seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Allen made a motion to refer this application for 30 days, Godden seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. Discussion on the 2022 Most Threatened and Endangered Buildings/Properties list.

Mindel discussed options for newspaper article rollout, starting May 8th (May is Historic Preservation Month in Wisconsin). Allen preferred second option, starting with new additions followed by rerun articles on last year's buildings; the Commission concurred. Mindel can lead the writing, Riel will support.

Mindel asked about including buildings adjacent to India Curry House that might have been damaged in the fire. The consensus was to mention them in the introduction, but not add them this year.

Mindel and staff have been working on press release and conference. Commissioners can attend on May 6th early afternoon. Riel may be able to speak or backup Mindel if she speaks. Mindel asked if the India Curry House would be a good location. Godden suggested that Pearl Street (the Casino) would be quieter due to traffic.

5. Discussion on Lost La Crosse Project.

Photos of reference signs were included in email. Staff can check on cost of signs. Mindel will work on getting funding from State Historical Preservation Office. Mindel and Godden attended (SHPO training and can share materials).

Adjournment

Satory motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm, Allen seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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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