

MINUTES
City of Monona
Landmarks Commission
Wednesday January 9, 2019

Chair Wood called the meeting of the Monona Landmarks Commission to order at 4:34PM.

Present: Chair Doug Wood, Mr. Erik Lincoln, Ms. Mary Murrell, Ms. Anne Wellman, Ms. Rebecca Holmquist, and Ms. Branda Weix and Mr. Rick Bernstein

Also Present: Ciara Miller, City Planning Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Ms. Holmquist, seconded by Ms. Murrell, for the approval of the minutes of October 10, 2018 carried with two corrections.

Appearances

There were no appearances.

Unfinished Business

A. Update on Citywide Architectural Survey by Mead & Hunt

Planning Assistant Miller updated the Commission on the status of the survey being conducted by Mead & Hunt. Our project coordinator at Mead & Hunt, Katie Kaliszewski, said that due to weather they are one (1) day behind on fieldwork, but they don't expect it to disrupt the final deadline.

Additionally, the Mead & Hunt survey team met at the Dean House to review available local resources. It was mentioned that the Monona Public Library's Oral History project could be a resource for information gathering.

New Business

A. Resolution for the City of Monona to officially recognize May as Historic Preservation Month

Ms. Holmquist corrected the statement that Monona is home to two individually listed properties on the National Register of Historic Places, not three. Mr. Bernstein suggested adding archaeology to the title of the resolution, since the State of Wisconsin recognizes May as Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month. He also suggested connecting the resolution statements back to the goals of the Historic Preservation Ordinance that was recently adopted. The Commission agreed.

The Commission discussed what the Landmarks Commission/City of Monona were planning on doing to celebrate historic preservation month. At this time, we are intending on mounting the new plaque at the Monona Mound in May. The Commission began discussing details of the mound dedication ceremony, but there was not a consensus whether the dedication should be hosted indoors in the Monona Library or if they should try and arrange for it to take place on site to let the public see the mound. The Commission agreed to have a future agenda item to discuss program/event possibilities for preservation month.

B. Discussion about re-designating previously landmarked historic properties in Monona.

Assistant Planner Miller stated that this is something that was mentioned in the past, but she is bringing it up in today's meeting because she has been talking to a Landmark Property owner who is looking to undergo exterior alterations.

Mr. Bernstein said that it may make sense to wait on re-designating landmark properties until we have the results of the city-architectural survey from Mead & Hunt because they will provide information regarding a list of properties that they believe are eligible for the National Register. The Commission agreed that the information from Mead & Hunt would be helpful for the designation process and that we can explore it further after the survey is completed later this year.

C. Discussion of items for future agenda.

The Commission members would like to discuss potential events/programs for historic preservation month at a future meeting.

Chair Wood suggested that the Springhaven Pagoda project be brought back to the Commission for an update.

The Historic Preservation Ordinance was tabled and will need to come back to the Commission at a future date.

Upcoming meetings

Upcoming meetings are tentatively scheduled for February 13, 2019 and March 13, 2019.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Murrell, to adjourn carried. (5:09pm)

Submitted by,

Ciara Miller, City Planning Assistant