

MINUTES
City of Monona
Landmarks Commission
Wednesday February 12, 2020

Chair Kuhr called the meeting of the Monona Landmarks Commission to order at 4:32 PM.

Present: Chair Jennifer Kuhr, Mr. Rick Bernstein, Ms. Anne Wellman, Mr. Erik Lincoln, Ms. Rebecca Holmquist and Ms. Branda Weix

Absent: Ms. Mary Murrell

Also Present: Douglas Plowman, City Planner

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Weix, for the approval of the minutes of January 8, 2020 carried with no corrections.

Appearances

There were no appearances.

Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Springhaven Pagoda, 4659 Tonyawatha Trail and 4811 Tonyawatha Trail Landmark Documentation

The Commission reviewed the applications drafted by Planner Plowman following their discussion at the November and January Landmarks Commission meetings. Ms. Holmquist asked for the full Pagoda preservation plan to be shared with the Commission as some members may not be familiar with it. A specific web page will be developed by Staff that includes the report and will be useful as plans for the Pagoda begin to progress. Chair Kuhr clarified that the final draft of these applications can be reviewed at the next meeting followed by their potential acceptance by the Commission.

New Business

A. Discussion of 706 West Dean Avenue – Monona Landmark Property

There was general discussion of the property, its significance to Monona, as well as the significant changes that have been made to the home. Ms. Wellman shared that the farmland that accompanied the property is important, although significant exterior changes have been made. There is no longer a porch, and the side entry has been added. The question of the homes historical integrity was raised given the changes, and more information was desired.

Chair Kuhr suggested further research be conducted into the property, and for Staff to reach out to the property owner. The owner used to be the Chair of the Landmarks Commission, and it is expected that he can provide additional information on the property for the Commission's consideration.

B. Discussion of 5805 Winnequah Road – Monona Landmark Property

Ms. Weix shared that both the cottage and the house are significant parts of the application. Ms. Holmquist added that Ray Owen is a key figure in Monona, the origin of the City and in the increase in UW faculty moving to Monona. There was a discussion of the anthropological significance of the property, or if this was the case for the broader area. Ms. Weix shared that

she knew that Frost Woods Beach had anthropological significance, but doesn't think this directly impacts the house.

Consensus was that there is plenty of documentation on the property, and that this will form a good basis for the draft application. It was also shared that the home is part of a Trust, and must be maintained as the family home, and will always be occupied by the family.

C. Staff Updates

i. Springhaven Pagoda joint parks meeting

Planner Plowman shared that he has discussed the potential of a joint Parks Board and Landmarks Commission meeting with Parks and Recreation Director Anderson. It is expected that a joint meeting can be held in either March or April.

Upcoming meetings

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for March 11, 2020 and April 8, 2020.

Adjournment

A motion by Ms. Weix, seconded by Ms. Holmquist, to adjourn carried. (5:20pm)

Submitted by,

Doug Plowman, City Planner