

Minutes
City of Monona
Landmarks Commission
Wednesday March 13, 2019

Ms. Holmquist stood in as acting chair for this meeting. Acting Chair Holmquist called the meeting of the Monona Landmarks Commission to order at 4:35PM.

Present: Ms. Rebecca Holmquist, Ms. Branda Weix Ms. Mary Murrell, and Mr. Rick Bernstein

Absent: Mr. Erik Lincoln, Chair Doug Wood, Ms. Anne Wellman,

Also Present: Ciara Miller, City Planning Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Ms. Weix, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, for the approval of the minutes of February 13, 2019 carried with no corrections. (3-0)

Appearances

There were no appearances.

Unfinished Business

A. Update Regarding Resolution for the City of Monona to recognize May as Historic Preservation & Archaeology Month.

Planning Assistant Ciara Miller informed the commission that the resolution drafted and approved by the Landmarks Commission in February went to City Council for consideration. City Council moved to approve the resolution recognizing May as Historic Preservation and Archaeology month in Monona.

B. Update on Monona Mound Dedication Ceremony to be Held at Monona Public Library in May 2019.

It was voted on at the February meeting to host the Mound Dedication Ceremony indoors at the Monona Public Library. The Commission discussed hosting the dedication on a weekend afternoon will likely get better attendance than a weeknight. However, they suggested not hosting in on Mother's Day weekend or Memorial Day weekend.

Ms. Bernstein suggested that we invite Bob Birmingham, the former State Archeologist and well-known author of several books about the Indian mounds of southcentral Wisconsin, notably *Indian Mounds of Wisconsin*, to speak at the dedication. Mr. Bernstein also suggested inviting Janice Rice, a member of Ho-Chunk Nation and retired librarian with a focus on American Indian resources, literature, culture, history, language preservation & revitalization. The Commission expressed an interest in reaching out to the Ho-Chunk Nation to see if any representatives would like to be involved in the ceremony.

It was suggested that the Landmarks Commission could collect donations at the event, as well as sell the Landmarks history book.

C. Discussion of Additional Programs for May – Historic Preservation & Archaeology Month

The Library has no adult programming scheduled on the evening of May 8, 2019 and said that if the Landmarks Commission has a suggestion for a speaker and topic for historic preservation month that they could get it on the schedule.

The Landmarks Commission decided to invite Joe DeRose from the Wisconsin Historical Society to speak. His talk will be an information session about the National Register of Historic Places and a “virtual tour” with images and history of some of the historic places in the area. The talk will be from 6:30 to 7:30pm, the library will help with promoting the event.

D. Update on the Mead & Hunt Citywide Architectural Survey

Unfortunately, Katie, the lead consultant on our project from Mead & Hunt was out and unable to report back with a status update before the meeting. Planning Assistant Miller said that she’ll provide an update at the next meeting.

Regarding the city-wide architectural survey, Ms. Holmquist reminded staff that both her and Ms. Weix are on the Frostwoods Neighborhood Association and may have additional information to provide to the consultants. Planning Assistant Miller said that she would share the consultants contact information with them.

New Business

A. Discussion of Items for Future Agenda

- i The Springhaven Pagoda Request for Qualifications will need to come back to the commission at a future meeting.
- ii Bridge Road is going to be reconstructed this year. The commission discussed that it is a Monona Landmark and want to know if its historic nature was considered during the reconstruction plans. There is also a bronze landmark sign on the bridge, and the commission would like to know if there’s a plan to re-install once the new bridge is constructed.
- iii A new city park is being constructed as part of the riverfront redevelopment. The commission discussed the speakeasy history of the area during prohibition. There is an interest in placing a marker in the new park to inform the public about the history of the area.

Upcoming meetings

The next meetings are tentatively scheduled for April 10, 2019 and May 8, 2019

Adjournment

A motion by Ms. Weix, seconded by Ms. Murrell, to adjourn carried (3-0).

Respectfully submitted by,
Ciara Miller, City Planning Assistant