

MINUTES
City of Monona
Landmarks Commission
Wednesday April 14, 2021

Chair Goforth called the meeting of the Monona Landmarks Commission to order at 4:36 PM.

Present: Chair Kristie Goforth, Mr. Rick Bernstein, Ms. Anne Wellman, Ms. Branda Weix, and Ms. Rebecca Holmquist

Absent: Mr. Erik Lincoln and 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 March 10, 2021 carried with no corrections.

Appearances

Matthew Aro – 110 Henuah Circle appeared regarding the potential Frost Woods Historic District as recommended in the 2019 Mead & Hunt Intensive Survey. He shared that the State Historical Society are now rejecting any homeowner tax credit applications within those boundaries until the District is formally listed. City Planner Plowman will follow up with the State Historical Society, and this will likely be on an upcoming meeting agenda.

Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Text for Springhaven Pagoda Signage and Stone Bridge Park Signage

This was a continuation of the discussion from the March meeting. A draft was prepared by Ms. Wellman, and typed by Ms. Murrell. The discussion was to focus on content, and then editing to a suitable word count. Chair Goforth had also reached out to the Ho-Chunk regarding the text on the sign for their feedback. Photos of the existing boulder mounted signs were also included in the packet for reference.

Ms. Holmquist thanked Chair Goforth for the materials, but was concerned that the Parks Board should have a say on what goes on the park sign. She added that the text could include more information on Judge Keyes given he built the Pagoda, whereas details on the springs could be located on the broader park sign. Chair Goforth raised the existing boulders (and their attached signage), and the possible duplication of signage. One boulder is in honor of Shirley Homburg recognizing her service to the Commission, and the other is for the Pagoda specifically. The existing Pagoda sign was given by the Harold Homburg family, and it may be best to discuss this with the Homburg family. City Planner Plowman will discuss with the Homburg's and use that as their direction. Ms. Holmquist asked City Planner Plowman for a template for the sign, and he will follow up with Parks Director Anderson on that matter.

B. Discussion of Historic Preservation Month Events – International Style Homes

City Planner Plowman provided an update on the Historic Preservation Month efforts. He is working on a webpage that will be included in the upcoming City newsletter, and will also have some publicity on WVMO. The plan is to generate a web map that includes information about each. There will be an overview page that works as a landing for now, with a web form that can capture materials and information that they may have. The plan is to keep the form open ended, and allow comments, thoughts and photographs.

Included in the meeting packet was work that Mr. Bernstein had conducted with Ms. Waidelich. Ms. Holmquist also has materials that she will pass along. At this point, much of the text will be from the Landmarks Book, with more specific detail from Commission members and public submittals added over time. Ms. Holmquist shared that the Thomas's and Matt Aro have a lot of information on their properties.

New Business

A. Staff Updates

i. WSHS Datasets

City Planner Plowman followed up on the WSHS datasets that were discussed at the March meeting. The City does have access to some of these materials, although they are in a raw format according to City Staff. The State does have public access computers that allow more detail to be viewed. The City was offered to remote in to these computers if there are specific areas of interest. Mr. Bernstein suggested that this license fee could be included in any possible archaeological survey grant request.

ii. CLG National Register Update

A quarterly update was due to the WSHS so City Planner Plowman shared the update with the Commission. Tim Heggland is about 50% complete with the Schroeder Home, and will begin Bungalowen after. UWM are about 75% complete, and expect this to be wrapped up in the coming weeks. Chair Goforth asked if there was a target date for the Bungalowen project. Plans are still in place to coordinate with Community Media to conduct interviews and film some content. Planner Plowman will contact Tim to organize a date.

iii. Springhaven Pagoda Roof Replacement

City Planner Plowman updated the Commission that the contract is currently with the City Attorney for review. It was approved by City Council, and the larger park project is already moving forward. City Planner Plowman will coordinate closely as this progresses from contract award to construction. Mr. Bernstein shared that Wes Masonry is a possible contractor for repair of the Pagoda base. This is not in either project budget, so timing will likely depend on the cost and extent. If it is significant, it may need a 2022 budget request. The current plan is to coordinate on a quote while the site work is underway, to at least understand the magnitude of the work.

iv. Historic Preservation Month – Proclamation

Mr. Bernstein requested a proclamation be added to the City Council agenda in honor of Preservation Month. Draft text was provided by Mr. Bernstein and was combined with a previous proclamation. Text was added recognizing the subsequent CLG grants and this will be read at the April 19th City Council meeting.

B. Landmarks Commission Requests for City Staff

Mr. Bernstein asked that Staff close the loop with Mr. Aro regarding the possible nomination of his own home to the National Register possibly using CLG funds. Additionally, he asked for a cost estimate for the Frost Woods Historic District.

Upcoming meetings

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for May 12, 2021 (Cancelled) and June 9, 2021

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Holmquist, to adjourn carried. (5:34pm)

Submitted by,

Douglas Plowman, City Planner