

Minutes

LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

June 15, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Salzmann at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Joyce Salzmann, Barb Zacher, Jackie Hermann, Bart Williams, Cheryl Bowers, Alderman Jack Chiovatero, Historic Consultant Mary Ella Milham, and guests, Kathleen Sisson and Peggy Calhoun.

Commissioner Kay Jashinsky was excused. Commissioners Sue Nieberle and Ken Weston were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ald. Chiovatero to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2000. Seconded by Comm. Bowers and carried unanimously.

Ald. Chiovatero introduced Bart Williams, our new Commission member, to the group.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Pamphlet from the National Trust for Historic Preservation Regarding Available Preservation Book Publications

The pamphlet was passed around for all Commissioners to look over; Comm. Zacher will take the pamphlet to look over more closely.

U.S. Dept. of the Interior Letter Requesting On-Line Participation in a Preservation Questionnaire

The questionnaire is on a web site; Comm. Bowers will check the site for more information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cost of the "Historic Coffee Street" signs came to \$681.50, for materials only. The New Berlin Streets Dept. made the signs, which enabled us to keep the cost of this project down. The Landmarks Commission sends its thanks to the Streets Dept.

The Commission's balance, as of June 1st, is \$1,218.50.

Comm. Zacher inquired about the \$500 set aside for "Historic Day." Chairman Salzmann said that there wouldn't be any money left in this year's budget to allocate to "Historic Day." Ald. Chiovatero suggested approaching the Council to see if they would approve a \$500 donation. It was noted that this is the first year that the Commission will use its entire budget because of all the projects it has been involved in. In the past, the Commission has always had unspent funds which have reverted back to the City.

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT: No Report

STAFF REPORT - Information Regarding Existing or Potential Landmarks: No Report

ADDITIONS TO FUTURE LANDMARKS CONSIDERATION LIST

McWhorter House, 20635 W. Cleveland Ave.

Mary Ella Milham will complete the nomination papers for the McWhorter House.

OLD BUSINESS

Designation for Milham House and Barn, 20900 W. Cleveland Ave.

Indian Encampment between Lincoln Ave. and Cleveland Ave., east side of Poplar Creek

Motion by Comm. Hermann to remove these 2 items from the agenda. Seconded by Comm. Zacher and carried unanimously.

The Lutheran Church Cemetery, west side of Racine Ave., in Sec. 20.

There is nothing new to report. Now that it's warm, Commission members can continue clean-up and restoration work. There are flags denoting the suspected sites of grave markers. These can now be dug up and repaired. There are also small stumps that can be cut down to ground level and sprayed with "Roundup."

New Berlin Web Site

Comm. Bowers brought in page layouts that had pictures of Landmark houses and accompanying descriptions.

Motion by Comm. Bowers to limit the content of the Commission's web page to Landmark houses, for now. Seconded by Comm. Zacher and carried unanimously.

Comm. Bowers will compose a letter that could be sent to owners of other interesting old houses in New Berlin for possible future web site placement. The web page would state that these homes are private and can only be viewed from the road. Comm. Bowers will check with City Attorney Paul Reilly on this idea.

Commission members thanked Comm. Bowers for the nice job she's done on this project.

Designate Sisson's House for Large Landmarks Plaque

Kathleen Sisson presented some proposed copy for the plaque. The Commissioners reviewed her suggestion and made some changes so that the wording would fit the standard large plaque.

Replacement for Log Cabin Plaque (Use Sisson's Small Plaque?)

This project is on hold for now.

Site Marker for Gov. Julius Heil's House, 19890 W. Julius Heil Dr.

Comm. Hermann will check out the cost of site markers (non-bronze type) for this site, as well as Calhoun Station.

Site Marker for Calhoun Station, west side of Calhoun at the railroad tracks

Peggy Calhoun will work with Comm. Jashinsky on the wording for this marker; Mary Ella Milham may also help.

Designation of Linnie Lac Dam and Lake Site, formerly known as Hale's Mill Pond and Dam (Revisited)

Comm. Hermann presented the layout of the bronze plaque, which included wording that had been discussed by Commission members at last month's meeting. A few corrections were made and Comm. Hermann will now order the plaque.

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Nothing new to report

TABLED ITEM:

Viola Martin House

Motion by Comm. Bowers to remove this item from the table for discussion. Seconded by Ald. Chiovatero and carried unanimously.

Chairman Salzmann reported that Consultant Libbie Nolan had called the State Federation of Women's Clubs while their May convention was taking place. The Federation is still interested in the Viola Martin House and continues to look for funding. They would like to leave the house at its existing location, if possible, or somewhere very near to it. The project is in their hands for now.

NEW BUSINESS - Nothing

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 20th, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Comm. Zacher to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Comm. Bowers and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Hermann, Secretary

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