

Minutes

LANDMARKS COMMISSION

November 18, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Salzman at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Joyce Salzman, Jackie Hermann, Sue Nieberle, Kay Jashinsky, Don Prescott, Cheryl Bowers, and Alderman Jack Chiovatero.

Comm. Barb Zacher was excused. Comm. Ken Weston was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ald. Chiovatero to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 21, 1999. Seconded by Comm. Prescott and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Salzman passed the various pamphlets, including "The Alliance Review" and "Historic Preservation" around for all Commissioners to see.

The Commission decided that it was not interested in renewing its membership in the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There is a balance of \$1,324.35 in the 1999 Commission budget.

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.

Chairman Salzman reported that she is still working on the nomination papers.

OLD BUSINESS

Prospect Hill Intersection Area

There is nothing new to report at this time.

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

The plaque is on order. Motion by Comm. Bowers to approve the cost of the plaque, which is not to exceed \$220. Seconded by Comm. Nieberle and carried unanimously. Comm. Hermann will get the bill to Chairman Salzmann by the next meeting.

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

Comm. Hermann said that she had walked the trail in the Stigler Woods Preserve and commented on how beautiful the preserve is. The Indian encampment was supposed to have been along the creek, according to a 1923 Wisconsin Archeology magazine. Comm. Hermann spoke with Parks Director Paul Leuthold who said that he would give permission to the State to look into this. Comm. Hermann will write to the State Historical Society to find out what information is needed to authorize them looking into the site in the event that they would be interested in doing so.

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

Chairman Salzmann reported that the cemetery has been pretty well cleaned out. When Spring comes, weed control will be applied to the grounds and restoration of the tombstones will be resumed. The weather is getting too cold for the glue to set anymore. The possibility of installing some fencing and a stairway entry to the front of the cemetery was also discussed.

Commission members were asked to give some thought to a name for the cemetery. It has been called several things throughout the years. At one time, local people called it the "Sittle Cemetery", after an early family buried there. It was the original cemetery of the German Reform Church which later moved down the road. Chairman Salzmann suggested "Pioneer" as a possible name since the cemetery appears to have been started in the 1st half of the 19th century, a time equated with pioneers.

Re-name Coffee Road

This item is on the agenda for the October 26th Common Council meeting.

TABLED ITEMS

- a. Needham House

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

Chairman Salzmann read from a copy of a letter that the **State Historical Society** had sent to Mayor Gatzke. The letter stated that an application for nomination to the National Historic Register had been made for the Needham House. The SHS would like recommendations from the Mayor and the Landmarks Commission as to the eligibility of this property. This property has been on our priority list for local Landmark status for some time. It has made the "Outstanding" designation in our Reconnaissance Survey of City Buildings Worth Saving.

Motion by Comm. Bowers to recommend that the Needham House be placed on the National Historic Register. Seconded by Comm. Jashinsky and carried unanimously.

- b. Viola Martin House

- c. New Berlin Web Site

Motion by Comm. Jashinsky to remove this item from the table. Seconded by Comm. Prescott and carried unanimously.

Commissioners Nieberle and Bowers will work together with the City's Web Master, Catey Barnish to get this project going. Catey will set the web page up with information provided by the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Historic District Plaques

This item to be discussed at the next meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Comm. Jashinsky to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Seconded by Comm. Nieberle and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Hermann, Secretary

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