

**MINUTES**  
**BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION**  
**Meeting of June 15, 2010**

A Meeting of the Beloit Landmarks Commission was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 in the City Hall Forum.

Present: Marjorie Fizzell, Rick McGrath, Sandra Williams, Lynette Johnson, Daniel Shea, John Dummer, Charles Haynes

Absent: Jennifer Knezel

1. Roll Call

Commissioner McGrath called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Community Planner Drew Pennington called the Roll.

2. Minutes of the April 20, 2010 Meeting

Minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Fizzell, seconded by Commissioner Dummer. The motion carried (6-0).

3. Public Comments

Susan Scott, 824 Church Street, expressed concerns regarding Beloit College's proposed parking projects (COA-2010-23). Ms. Scott stated that the loss of mature trees and open space will be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood and asked the Commission to meet with Beloit College before making a decision.

Bill Dorr, 836 Church Street, expressed concerns regarding Beloit College's proposed parking projects (COA-2010-23). Mr. Dorr expressed his opposition to the three proposed parking stalls near Church Street and the proposed parking along Chapin Street.

Debra Dorr, 836 Church Street, expressed her hope that the Commission and Beloit College could reach a compromise.

Robert Schwaegler, 704 Park Avenue, stated that the proposed parking along Chapin Street will interfere with the view of Middle College. Mr. Schwaegler stated that he appreciates both the College's need to add parking and the neighborhood's desire to maintain a residential feel.

4. Lang & Hansen Properties – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2010-21 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to cover soffit, fascia, window trim, and door trim with aluminum for the property located at 910 Emerson Street.

Mr. Pennington read the staff report.

Commissioner Fizzell asked Mr. Pennington if vinyl siding had recently been installed on the house. Mr. Pennington stated that the installation of vinyl siding had not been approved in the last three years.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the requested COA, subject to the conditions recommended by staff. Commissioner Dummer seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0).

5. Gilbank Construction Inc. – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2010-22 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove the chimney and to replace portions of the roof for the property located at 717 Bluff Street.

Mr. Pennington read the staff report.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the requested COA, subject to the conditions recommended by staff. Commissioner Fizzell seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0).

6. Michael Brady, on behalf of Beloit College – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2010-23 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct 24 parking stalls for the properties located at 749 College Street and 716 Emerson Street; to replace, remove, widen, and/or install sidewalks and remove a private cul-de-sac for the properties located at 700 College Street, 735 College Street, and 709 College Street; and to remove driveways, to remove sidewalks, and to expand an off-street parking area for the properties located at 635, 631, 619, 613, and 609 College Street.

Mr. Pennington read the staff report.

Commissioner Dummer asked Mr. Brady if the parking would serve the day care center and about the logistics of delivering items to the library. Mr. Brady stated that day care parking arrangements are being made and that the library's back door will receive deliveries. Commissioner Fizzell asked Mr. Brady if the sole homeowner on College Street is opposed to the additional parking. Mr. Brady stated that the sole homeowner is not opposed to the project. Commissioner Fizzell read a letter that she received from Danielle Clifton, 641 Church Street, expressing Ms. Clifton's opposition to the proposed parking projects, specifically the proposed parking along Chapin Street.

Commissioner McGrath stated that Beloit College has a history of adding parking on public property and pushing parking into the residential neighborhood. Commissioner McGrath stated that the proposed parking along Chapin Street was intentionally moved away from the (College) President's house. A member of the audience, later identified as John Winkelmann, 626 Church Street, disputed Commissioner McGrath's comments regarding the College's past parking projects and the impact on the neighborhood. Commissioner McGrath stated that the proposed parking detracts from the character of the neighborhood. Councilor Haynes stated that the proposed parking along Chapin Street will result in a bad first impression of the College.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Fizzell made a motion to approve the requested COA, subject to the conditions recommended by staff. Commissioner Dummer seconded the motion. Commissioners Fizzell, Williams, and Dummer voted for the motion. Commissioners Shea, McGrath, and Johnson voted against the motion. The motion failed (3-3).

Commissioner McGrath made a motion to approve the requested COA, excluding the 24 parking stalls, subject to the conditions recommended by staff. The motion failed.

7. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting  
Mr. Pennington announced that he recently issued Certificates of Appropriateness for the following projects:

Roof Replacement

816 Park Avenue  
634 College Street  
818 Church Street  
631 College Street  
732 Church Street  
718 Church Street

Other Projects

810 Bluff Street - Fence  
636 Harrison Avenue – Replacement of storm doors & installation of awning

8. Committee Reports
  - A. Awards & Plaque Committee: Nothing to report.
  - B. Program & Publicity Committee: Nothing to report.
  - C. Education Committee: Nothing to report.
  - D. Outreach Committee: Nothing to report.
9. Adjournment  
At 8:30 PM, Commissioner Fizzell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0).

Drew Pennington, Community Planner