

MINUTES
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Meeting of August 16, 2011

A Meeting of the Beloit Landmarks Commission was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 in the City Hall Forum.

Present: Marjorie Fizzell, Rick McGrath, Lynette Johnson, Steve Vollmer, Sandra Williams,
Donna Johnson

Absent: Shari Carley, Charles Haynes

1. Roll Call

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

2. Minutes of the June 21, 2011 Meeting

Minutes of the June 21, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Vollmer, seconded by Commissioner Fizzell. The motion carried (6-0).

3. Public Comments: None

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

COA-2011-16 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to rebuild the cupola on the Middle College building and to replace the brick pavers surrounding the building for the property located at 700 College Street.

Mr. Pennington read the staff report.

Mr. Brady stated that the sign will be constructed of embossed bricks with the names of donors and will not include the rectangular panel shown in the rendering. Mr. Brady explained that the sign will be a way finding sign. Commissioner Fizzell asked the applicant to clarify the proposed location of the sign, and Mr. Brady stated that the sign will be installed just to the right of the picture in the staff report. Mr. Brady requested additional time to complete the brick pavers project.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Fizzell made a motion to approve the requested COA, subject to the conditions recommended by staff and a modified condition establishing a completion date for the brick pavers project of August 1, 2012. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0).

5. Huffman Builders, Ltd. – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2011-17 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace a portion of the roof, to replace the dormer siding, to repair the soffit & fascia, and to replace two columns for the property located at 917 Church Street.

Mr. Pennington read the staff report.

Mr. Huffman stated that he is willing to use wood replacement columns. Commissioner McGrath noted that the site visit to the house was informative.

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

6. Resolution Supporting the Provision of Window Repair Information and a Contractor Directory

Commissioner McGrath explained that his goal in requesting the proposed activities is to increase awareness of window repair feasibility and to aid property owners in locating local window repair contractors.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Donna Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0).

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:

831 Park Avenue – To replace the roof.

725 Bushnell Street – To replace the roof.

743 Park Avenue – To replace the roof.

629 Harrison Avenue – To replace a portion of the roof & gutters.

8. Committee Reports

A. Education & Outreach Committee: Commissioner Fizzell announced that she will be offering a walking tour of the College Park Historic District on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Commissioner McGrath announced a presentation by Joe DeRose of the Wisconsin Historical Society on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Commissioners McGrath and Lynette Johnson announced that they are coordinating a tour of homes for sale during Heritage Days. Commissioner McGrath reminded the other Commissioners of the trade school scholarship opportunity and an upcoming preservation conference.

B. Grant Writing Committee: Nothing to report.

9. Adjournment

At 7:40 PM, Commissioner Fizzell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0).

Drew Pennington, Principal Planner