

MINUTES
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Meeting of July 15, 2014

A Meeting of the Beloit Landmarks Commission was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 in the Forum, City Hall.

Present: Alex Blazer, Donna Johnson, Terri Kaye, Rick McGrath, Steve Vollmer, Ellen Joyce, Charles Haynes

Absent: Ruth Vater

1. Roll Call

Commissioner Blazer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Planner Stephanie Hummel called the Roll.

2. Minutes of the June 17, 2014 Meeting

The Minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner McGrath, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion carried (6-0).

3. Public Comments: None

4. Gerri Downing – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA- 2014-22 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for window replacement at 811 Church Street

Ms. Hummel read the staff report.

Commissioner Joyce questioned if privacy would be an issue considering the proximity to the southern neighbors. Ms. Downing and her neighbor both state that privacy is not an issue. The Commission in general is very pleased with this project and that this home was bought for renovation.

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

5. Beloit College– Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2014-25 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for front porch repairs at 815 College Street and various repairs at 726 Church Street

Commissioner Joyce recused herself due to a conflict of interest as Beloit College is her employer.

Ms. Hummel read the staff report.

Bruce Hamilton introduced himself at the applicant. Commissioner McGrath verified the spot repairs would be done with wood. Mr. Hamilton confirmed this.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Vollmer made a motion to approve the requested COA, subject to the conditions recommended by staff. Commissioner McGrath seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0).

6. Discussion of Historic District Signage

Ms. Hummel updated the Commission on the current standing of the project and next steps, noting that the original proposal from the Commission is being largely followed. Commissioners McGrath and Johnson both expressed their concerns with having two logos—one to represent the East side and one to represent the West side. One unified logo is preferred, and was originally proposed to be the water tower. Commissioner Haynes suggested getting quotes on how much it would cost to have a graphic artist create the water tower logo, noting that the cost might be small enough to fundraise for the design. The Commission in general stated they prefer the brown color over any shade of blue. Commissioner Haynes stated he would bring these concerns and ideas to the City Manager once quotes have been received for the logo. Commissioners McGrath and Joyce will be looking this cost.

7. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting

Ms. Hummel announced that she recently issued the following Certificates of Appropriateness:

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| 811 Church Street: | Privacy fence, roof & gutter replacement |
| 724 Wisconsin Avenue: | Roof replacement |
| 636 Park Avenue: | Privacy fence |
| 641 Church Street: | Privacy fence |
| 621 Park Avenue: | Roof & gutter replacement. |

8. Committee Reports

A. Education & Outreach Committee: Commissioner Kaye reported that the Grinnell Hall pastor luncheon will be occurring August 5th and August 12th. This will be used to collect their ideas for improvements on Bluff Street. Commissioner Johnson will be meeting with the Parks Department concerning the views at Schellenger Park. She is also still working on student involvement for the Heritage Days tours.

B. Grant Writing Committee: Commissioner Joyce stated that a meeting concerning applying for the Intensive Survey grant is set for July 22nd.

C. Site Visit Committee: Commissioner Vollmer stated that he, Commissioner Blazer, and Ms. Hummel visited 811 Church Street.

9. Adjournment

At 7:50 PM, Commissioner Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Vollmer seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0).

Stephanie Hummel, Planner