

MINUTES
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Meeting of October 21, 2014

A Meeting of the Beloit Landmarks Commission was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in the Forum, City Hall.

Present: Alex Blazer, Donna Johnson, Ruth Vater, Rick McGrath, Steve Vollmer, Terri Kaye, Ellen Joyce

Absent: Charles Haynes

1. Roll Call

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

2. Minutes of the September 23, 2014 Meeting

The Minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Vater, seconded by Commissioner McGrath. The motion carried (6-0; Joyce Absent).

3. Public Comments:

John Pfleiderer of Family Services discussed a possible upcoming project. A Remembrance Garden has been proposed for Horace White Park. It will be a small gathering place dedicated to victims of violence in our community. A final design is underway and will be brought to both Parks Commission and Landmarks Commission for approval. Landscaping materials are flexible, but Mr. Pfleiderer is hoping for low-maintenance products. The Commission in general is in support of this project.

4. Shannon Fie – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2014-42 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for garage updates at 735 Harrison Avenue

Ms. Hummel read the staff report.

Shannon Fie introduced herself at the applicant. Commissioner Joyce questioned the need for a service door. Ms. Fie stated that initially it was needed because of access problems with the garage door not always working. With the proposed replacement of the garage door, the service door will be used for further access and efficiency in case of a power outage. Ms. Fie was assured by the Commission that a steal garage door was appropriate.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Vater made a motion to approve the requested COA as written, subject to the conditions recommended by staff. Commissioner Vollmer seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

5. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
Ms. Hummel announced that she recently issued the following Certificates of Appropriateness:
834 Bluff Street: Roof & Gutter Repairs

6. Committee Reports
 - A. Education & Outreach Committee: Commissioner Johnson stated she will be meeting with the Parks Department this week concerning landscaping and views at Schellenger Park.
 - B. Grant Writing Committee: Commissioner Joyce informed the Commission that she, Commissioner Vater, and Ms. Hummel will be meeting later this evening to review the draft of the application for a new Intensive Survey.
 - C. Site Visit Committee: Commissioner Vollmer stated that he and Ms. Hummel visited the site for the current COA and that much attention to detail was given for the project.

7. Adjournment
At 7:20 PM, Commissioner Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Vollmer seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Stephanie Hummel, Planner