



MINUTES
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Meeting of February 17, 2015

A Meeting of the Beloit Landmarks Commission was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 in the Forum, City Hall.

Present: Alex Blazer, Ruth Vater, Steve Truesdale, Donna Johnson, Terri Kaye, Charles Haynes, Steve Vollmer

Absent: Ellen Joyce

1. Roll Call

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

2. Minutes of the January 20, 2015 Meeting

The Minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kaye. The motion carried (6-0).

3. Public Comments: None

4. Beloit College – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2015-02 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for window replacement at the Wright Museum at Beloit College

Ms. Hummel read the staff report. The applicant also handed out an additional cost estimate for wood window replacement from Angus Young Associates.

Tom Viel introduced himself as the application. He explained that due to the building being used as a museum and office space, heat, cold, and moisture penetration are major issues. He noted that the aluminum clad exterior will increase efficiency and decrease maintenance costs.

Commissioner Blazer and Mr. Viel discussed that the functionality of some of the windows may be removed due to both security measures on the first floor, and also do to some of the windows being blocked on the interior for gallery space.

Commissioner Kaye verified that the shape and design of the windows would be exact. Mr. Viel agreed, noting that the window grilles will remain exterior on the new double-pane windows. Commissioner Kaye also questioned why the painting work must be done at-height. Mr. Viel said it was likely because of the custom nature of the work, but would discuss this with Angus Young Associates.

The Commission was in agreement that further information was needed concerning the cost to repair the windows and doors. While a general idea of “3 to 4 times more” for restoration was given, hard numbers are preferred for the estimate.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Truesdale made a motion to approve the requested COA as written, subject to the conditions recommended by staff. Commissioner Kaye seconded the motion. Commissioner Johnson requested an amendment to the COA, Condition #1 to assure that more than one (1) cost estimate for restoration would be received. Commissioner Vater recused herself due to a conflict of interest as Beloit College is her employer. The motion carried (5-0).

5. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
Ms. Hummel announced that no applications have been received since the January 20th meeting. She noted that Commissioner Blazer gave the Landmarks Commission Annual Report to City Council on February 16th and it was well received. She also stated that she has not received any word on their grant funding. The anticipated award announcement is in February or March.

Ms. Hummel also announced her resignation, stating that this will be her last meeting. She thanked the Commission for their hard work and dedication to the projects they’ve all worked on together and wished them the best for the future.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Education & Outreach Committee: Commissioner Johnson informed the Commissioners that the Welcome Packets are being well received by new property owners and that she and Commissioner Kaye are up-to-date with distributing them.
- B. Grant Writing Committee: No report.
- C. Site Visit Committee: Commissioner Vollmer stated this he, Commissioners Truesdale and Blazer, and Ms. Hummel inspected the Wright Art Museum for the COA application.
- D. Historic Sign Update: Commissioner Haynes stated that he spoke with the City Manager concerning funds for the graphic artist for the logo for the Historic District Signage. The City Manager is resistant to offering funds for this, but Commissioner Haynes will continue to work on this project. He mentioned that private fundraising by the Commission may be the faster option. The Commission was open to this idea and offered to help when needed.

7. Adjournment

At 7:45 PM, Commissioner Vollmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Kaye seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0).

Stephanie Hummel, Planner