



## Landmarks Commission

Whitewater Municipal Building Community Room,  
312 West Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190  
\*In Person and Virtual

**Wednesday, April 03, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

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## Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER

- Adamitus called the meeting to order 6:01pm.

-Boehm read and explained the need to abide by the City of Whitewater Transparency Ordinance when adding items to the agenda after the 72 hour notice period.

-The following items were presented to be added to the agenda.

1. Update on controlled burn at Effigy Mounds Preserve.

Voting Yea: Adamitus, Richardson, Olm, Weigel

2. Update on Effigy Mounds Preserve maintenance plans for 2024.

Voting Yea: Olm Weigel, Richardson, Adamitus

3. Discussion and possible action on 2011 Effigy Mounds Preserve Master Plan.

Voting Yea: Weigel, Olm, Adamitus, Richardson

4. Discussion on recruiting new members.

Voting Yea: Richardson, Olm, Weigel, Adamitus

5. Discussion and possible action on setting agenda setting procedure for Landmarks Commission.

Voting Yea: Adamitus, Olm, Weigel, Richardson

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Adamitus, Richardson, Weigel, Olm

Absent: Schreiber

Others Present: Kevin Boehm, Gloria Buley

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*A committee member can choose to remove an item from the agenda or rearrange its order; however, introducing new items to the agenda is not allowed. Any proposed changes require a motion, a second, and approval from the council to be implemented. the agenda shall be approved at reach meeting even if no changes are being made at that meeting.*

- Motioned by Olm, seconded by Weigel to approve the agenda with the additions made.
- Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved together unless any committee member requests that an item be removed for individual consideration.*

8. Meeting minutes February 07, 2024
  - Motioned by Olm, seconded by Weigel to approve Minutes from Feb 7, 2024
  - Unanimously approved by voice vote

**HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*No formal Committee action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Committee discusses that particular item.*

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. Birge Fountain Funds.
  - Boehm gave an update on the Birge Fountain Funds with the City. There is a balance of \$10, 336 and those funds cannot be transferred to the Landmarks Commission bank accounts.
  - Adamitus gave an update on the community fund being created and the checks he has had have been deposited.
10. Territorial Oak Site.

-Boehm reported that the streets department staff has the marker and plaque at the streets garage. Discussion was had on possible art installation vs. a tree planting. Boehm will follow up with zoning to determine what can be done legally with the proximity to the road as well as streets to see if a tree can be planted in the Territorial oak's place.

11. Information Needed to List Landmarks for Sale.

- Gloria stated that she is selling the Hamilton House and when she was filling out the disclaimer paperwork there was space for the seller to disclose if the property was a historic property. She created a package for potential buyers listing the parameters of owning a landmark home in Whitewater and will share the document she created to possibly provide the information with local and regional realtors.

## NEW BUSINESS

12. Update on current owner of the building the Prairie Tiller is painted on.

-Boehm spoke with Caryl Yasko about the painting. There is a Mural Committee that takes care of the artwork. It is due for a UV protective coating and the committee funds the coating.

13. Update on future of Starin Park Water Tower.

- Boehm gave an update on the future of the water tower, stating that a quote to remove the structure was provided at a price of \$610,000 and \$1.6 million to repair the structure. The plan is to have the options placed on the November ballot for a question to the residents of Whitewater to determine if they wish to repair or remove the structure and how it will be funded.

14. Discussion and possible action on request to review property at 1002 South Janesville Street.

-Boehm gave information about a upcoming cell tower to be constructed at 1002 Janesville Street, Whitewater. Discussion was had and it was determined that no historic sites would be impacted.

-No action taken.

15. Reviewal of materials found, need to keep and storage location.

-Boehm stated that the library received 3 Pescherets pieces of art and would like them to be documented in the City Landmark property listing. Discussion was held and Boehm will see if the property listing catalog can be located.

-Boehm brought a crate of documents to the commission and inquired about the importance of the documents and how the commission would like to have documents stored in the future. Adamitus will go through the documents and then they will be stored by the City moving forward.

16. Approval of next meeting date of 5/1/2024

## CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

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#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

17. Invite State Historic Preservation Office staff to a future meeting
18. Investigate plaques for historic properties.
19. Listing of other potential historic properties
20. Update Clio website.
21. White Memorial Building maintenance.
22. Update on Walton Oaks site.
23. Update on Landmark Hotel.
24. Update on Starin Park Water Tower signage.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A quorum of the Common Council may be present. This notice is given to inform the public that no formal action will be taken at this meeting.

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