



## Landmarks Commission

Cravath Lakefront room 2nd floor 312 West  
Whitewater Str, Whitewater, WI, 53190 \*In Person  
and Virtual

**Thursday, July 02, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

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## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approval of June 3, 2026 Minutes

### **HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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**CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS**

- [2.](#) Discussion and possible approval of new Landmarks Designation Form Application.
3. Review and Discuss the creation of a Landmark Walk.
- [4.](#) Review and Discuss the Birge Fountain maintenance.
- [5.](#) Review and Discuss Effigy Mounds Informational Signage.
6. Review and Discuss the missing Starin Park Water Tower Information Sign.
- [7.](#) Review and Discuss Informational Signage on the base of the Flat Iron Park Electronic Monument Sign located at 402 W Main Street.
8. Review and Discuss the outcome of the Common Council meeting related to permission to designate the Stone Stable as a local landmark.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE AUGUST 5, 2026.**

**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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## Landmarks Commission

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**Wednesday, June 03, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

#### ROLL CALL

##### PRESENT

Council Representative Orin Artsmith  
Board Member Pat Blackmer  
Board Member Penelope Alwin  
Board Member Kelsey Reilly

##### ABSENT

Board Member Jordan Reilly

##### STAFF

Llana Dostie, Zoning Specialist  
Brad Marquardt, Director of Public Works

##### GUEST

Steven Shayun  
Linda Loomer  
Kori Oberle  
Richard Helmick

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Motion made by Council Representative Artsmith, Seconded by Board Member Alwin.

Voting Yea: Council Representative Artsmith, Board Member Blackmer, Board Member Alwin, Board Member Reilly

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1. Approval of May 6, 2026 Minutes.

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None

**CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS**

2. Presentation by Steven Sahyun about the Sculpture Walk he created.  
Steven present his sculpture walk to the board.
3. Updated on Stone Stable regarding nomination to designate a local landmark.  
Blackmer presented the background on the Stone Stable.  
Brad provided a update on the staff position for the reasoning.
4. Discussion and possible action on redrafting the Local Landmark Designation Nomination Form.  
Blackmer provided a background on the current form. And the pdf fillable form font is small in areas.  
Dostie stated form could be put as a website form.
5. Discussion regarding Effigy Mound Markers.  
Alwin asked about the bronze markers.  
Dostie stated they were in basement of municipal building.  
Artsmith asked if Kevin could come in to discuss
6. Discussion regarding electronic message sign in Flat Iron Park.  
Blackmer provided an update about the calls and letters about the signage. None of the calls were favorable. Nothing can be done. Positioning of the sign could have been better.

Kori Oberle provided public comment and suggested the park should be landmarked.

Richard Helmick provided public comment on the sign.

Linda Loomer provided public comment on the sign

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Birge Fountain.

Blackmer stated that the fountain water flow is inconsistent. And that the timeframe is coming up 2027 where the fountain needs be dismantled and restored.

Artsmith asked if staff can look for grants to restore the fountain.

8. Discussion and possible action related to the Starin Park Water Tower Sign.

Blackmer provided an update the sign. It was replaced due to valdalism and now it is missing again.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Effigy Mounds

Nomination form

Electronic sign option for section on bottom and brightness

Birge Fountain maintance

Starin Park Tower Sign

Flat Iron Park as a possible local landmark

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Here's the link to Steve's Sculpture Walk: [Whitewater Sculpture Walk](#)





# Landmarks Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	July 2,2 206
Agenda Item:	Landmarks Designation Nomination Form
Staff Contact (name, email, phone):	Llana Dostie, Zoning Specialist

**BACKGROUND**  
(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

At the last Landmarks Commission meeting, the Commission requested that staff develop an online Landmarks Nomination Form to facilitate the submission of landmark designation requests.

Staff has created a draft online nomination form and has provided an example of the proposed format and layout for the Commission's review. The draft form is intended to streamline the nomination process, improve accessibility for applicants, and ensure that all necessary information is collected in a consistent manner.

The Commission is asked to review the proposed form and provide any recommendations regarding the content, organization, required information, or overall functionality of the application. Staff will incorporate the Commission's feedback and make any necessary revisions prior to implementation.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**  
(If none, state N/A)

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

**ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED**  
(If none, state N/A)

Example of Landmarks Designation Nomination Application



# City Of Whitewater

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## Local Landmarks Designation Nomination Form

64 Questions | Close date: June 08, 2026 at 02:48:32 PM

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### Name

#### 1) Historic \*

Municipal Building

#### 2) and/or common \*

N/A

### Location

#### 3) Street Address \*

312 W Whitewater Street

#### 4) City, State, Zip Code and County \*

## Classification

### 5) Category \*

District

Buildings(s)

Structure

Site

Object

### 6) Ownership \*

Public

Private

Both

Unknown

### 7) Public Acquisition \*

In process

Being Considered

Not applicable

## 8) Status \*

Occupied

Unoccupied

Work in Progress

## 9) Accessible \*

Yes; restricted

Yes; unrestricted

No

## 10) Present Use \*

Agriculture

Commercial

Educational

Entertainment

Government

Industrial

Military Museum Park Private residence Religious Scientific Transportation Other

## Owner of Property

### 11) Name \*

City of Whitewater

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### 12) Address \*

312 W Whitewater, WI

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## City, State and Zip Code

## Location of Legal Description (in County Courthouse)

### 13) Courthouse, Registry of deeds etc \*

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**14) Address \***

N/A

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**15) City, State and Zip Code \***

Elkhorn, WI

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**Representation in Existing Surveys**

**16) Title \***

Community Development

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**17) Date \***

11/12/2026

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**18) Type \***

Federal

State

County

Local

**19) Depository for Survey Records \***

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## 20) City, State and Zip Code \*

Whitewater

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## Description

### 21) Condition \*

Excellent

Good

Deteriorated

Ruins

### 22) Check One \*

Unaltered

Altered

### 23) Check one \*

Original Site

Moved

### 24) If moved, date

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## 25) Describe the present and original (if known physical appearance) \*

N/A

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## Significance

### 26) Period \*

Prehistoric

1400-1499

1500-1599

1600-1699

1700-1799

1800-1899

1900-1999

2000-

### 27) Areas of Significance-Check all that apply \*

Archeology-Prehistoric

Archeology-Historic

Agriculture

Art

Commerce

Communications

Community Planning

Conservation

Economics

Education

Engineering

Exploration/Settlement

Industry

Invention

Landscape Architecture

Law

Literature

Military

Music

Philosophy

Politics/government Religion Science Sculpture Social/Humanitarian Theater Transportation Other

## 28) other, Specify

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## 29) Specific Dates \*

1998

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## 30) Builder/Architect \*

Unknown

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## 31) Statement of Significance \*

N/A

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## 32) Major Bibliographical References \*

N/A

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## Geographical Data

### 33) Acreage of nominated property \*

2.0

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### 34) Tax Parcel Identification Number \*

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### 35) Verbal boundary description and justification \*

N/A

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## Form Prepared By

### 36) Name/Title \*

Llana

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### 37) Organization \*

City of Whitewater

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### 38) Date \*

6-8-2026

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### 39) Address \*

312 Whitewater

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### 40) City, State and Zip Code \*

Whitewater

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### 41) Phone Number \*

262-473-0144

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### 42) Email \*

ldostie@whitewater-wi.gov

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## Municipal Data

### 43) Zoning District \*

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### 44) Aldermanic District \*

N/A

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### 45) Tax Parcel Number \*

N/A

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## Commission Action

**46) Hearing Approved**

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**47) Hearing Date Set**

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**48) Landmark Designation Date**

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**49) Number \***

N/A

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**50) Certified by Commission Chairman**

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**51) Date**

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# Landmarks Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	July 2, 2026
Agenda Item:	Birge Fountain
Staff Contact (name, email, phone):	Brad Marquardt, <a href="mailto:bmarguardt@whitewater-wi.gov">bmarguardt@whitewater-wi.gov</a> , 262-473-0139

**BACKGROUND**  
(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Condition Assessment and Treatment Recommendations Report was completed in 2017. The Report included recommendations for the Water System, Electrical, Cherubs, Maid of the Mist, Cast Iron Central Element, Cast Iron Pool, and the Concrete Pool to be looked at for improvements starting in 2027.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
(Dates, committees, action taken)

Staff is unaware of any previous committee recommendations pertaining to the Recommendations in the Condition Assessment and Treatment Report.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**  
(If none, state N/A)

The estimated cost in 2017 was between \$100,000 and \$125,000. This estimate should be revised due to the increase in costs since COVID.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff will submit the Birge Fountain as a Capital Improvement Project for the 2028-2029 budget. Ultimately, it will be the Council’s decision to include or not include in the budget cycle.

**ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED**  
(If none, state N/A)

1. Section 8 of the Report

work on the fountain. Document the work performed by the City and include that information in the permanent file.

Recommended Personnel and Hours for Maintenance:

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Daily, local City, 1 man	1 man hour
Weekly, local City, 2 men, 4 hours	8 man hours
Winter shut down or Spring start up, local City, 2 men, 8 hours	16 man hours

**(8) DISCUSSION LONG TERM TREATMENT NEEDS FOR SAKE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, BUDGETING AND FUNDRAISING NEEDS**

The Birge Fountain can continue to exist with maintenance for a finite number of years, but inevitably it will need to be completely disassembled, stabilized and fully restored. Replacement of the original zinc Maid of the Mist and the Cherubs with cast bronze copies has solved the problem of losing them entirely.

The cast iron central element and pool walls are not painted on the inside. The cast iron is corroding from the inside out. The process is slower that with other ferrous metals such as mild steel but it is a major concern for the life of the fountain.

Repairing, restoring and stabilizing the cast iron elements will require complete disassembly of the fountain into its component parts, repair and restoration of all components and application of paint coatings inside and out that will slow or eliminate the corrosion of the cast iron components.

Images are attached (Images 14-18) of the restoration of the Kearny Park Fountain located in Muskegon, Michigan to illustrate the type of work that replacement of the pool wall entails.

Simple is always better and in the case of the Birge Fountain the simple submersible pump, simple valves and flexible hose supply lines are readily maintained and replaceable when worn out.

One item that is recommended is an overflow drain (PEM 62202, PEM Fountain Co. LTD). This is a removable standpipe, the top of which is the height from the pool floor of the desired water level. When draining the pool is desired the standpipe is lifted from its socket in the pool floor and the pool water drains out. This type of standpipe eliminates flooding of the fountain from rain and makes washing down dirt and debris much easier than pumping out the water.

## Estimated Life Expectancies, Water, Electric, Cherubs, Maid of Mist, Cast Iron Basin:

### Water System:

The water system as installed can continue as it is. Regular maintenance as parts wear out and are replaced is normal. Replacing the low flow sump pump when it wears out with a better quality pump made specifically for a fountain is advisable (PFU71, Powerflo Pumps and Systems, Inc.).

### Electrical:

The electric as installed appears to be working well. It should have 20amp circuit to operate the fountain pump (PFU71) specified in the Water System. It is advisable to remove the submersible pool lighting and to illuminate the fountain from exterior poles.

### Cherubs:

The cherubs should be air/water/abrasive cleaned (JOS system utilizing micro abrasive). The cleaned bronze should be patinated a statuary brown color and coated with a protective coating of lacquer (Permalac 2K, Peacock Laboratories, Inc.).

### Maid of the Mist:

Treat the same as the Cherubs

### Cast Iron Central Element:

The central element can continue for 10 years with typical cleaning and touchup of current paint coatings as funds are raised to perform complete disassembly, corrosion removal, repainting and reassembly of the element.

### Cast Iron Pool:

The cast iron pool can continue for 10 years as noted above for the Central Element as funds are raised. The pool should be completely disassembled and all cast iron elements treated as noted above for the central element.

Concrete Pool:

The concrete part of the pool should be completely made anew at the 10 year mark (2027). This would entail demolishing the pool, pouring a new slab with integral central footer to support the central element and installing integral PVC chases for electric supply to the pump. The restored cast iron walls would then be mounted to the new slab and the interior of the cast iron walls would be lined with polyethelene drain mat to relieve freeze/thaw pressures. The interior of the cast iron walls would be lined with a dry-pack concrete mixture to create the interior concrete wall of the fountain (Images 14-18 typical, Muskegon Michigan, Kearny Park Fountain).

Recommended Contractors and Material Costs:

Conservation professionals familiar with this type of work should perform the work along with local concrete contractors, electricians and plumbers as necessary.

Costs are estimated to be between \$100,000.00-125,000.00.



# Landmarks Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	July 2, 2026
Agenda Item:	Birge Fountain
Staff Contact (name, email, phone):	Llana Dostie, Zoning Specialist

**BACKGROUND**  
(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

At the previous Landmarks Commission meeting, Commission Member Artsmith requested that staff research potential grant opportunities that may be available to assist with restoration and preservation efforts for the Birge Fountain.

Staff reviewed grant programs administered through the Wisconsin Historical Society that are available to local governments. The current grant opportunities are limited to the following eligible activities:

- Surveys of historic communities or neighborhoods;
- Preparation of nominations of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places;
- Educational projects related to historic preservation, such as workshops, applications, and webinars;
- Development of historic preservation planning documents; and
- Hosting a Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) training.

Unfortunately, none of these grant programs provide funding for the restoration, rehabilitation, repair, or preservation work that would be required for the Birge Fountain.

Staff also reviewed national historic preservation grant opportunities that are administered through State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs). While these programs support a variety of historic preservation activities, funding opportunities are typically competitive, project-specific, and often focused on historic properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. At this time, staff has not identified a grant program through these sources that directly addresses the restoration needs of the Birge Fountain.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**  
(If none, state N/A)

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

As no applicable grant funding sources have been identified at this time, staff recommends that the Landmarks Commission pursue a community-based fundraising initiative to support the restoration and long-term preservation of the Birge Fountain.

**ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED**  
(If none, state N/A)

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N/A

Item 4.



# Landmarks Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	July 2, 2026
Agenda Item:	Effigy Mounds
Staff Contact (name, email, phone):	Llana Dostie, Zoning Specialist

**BACKGROUND**  
(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

At its most recent meeting, the Landmarks Commission discussed the possibility of installing informational signage at the Effigy Mounds site.

If the Landmarks Commission wishes to pursue the creation and installation of an informational sign, a formal written request must be submitted to Kevin Boehm, Director of Parks and Recreation. The request should ask that the appropriate Parks and Recreation subcommittee be convened to review the proposed signage.

The request should include the following information:

1. A draft proof of the proposed sign, including all text, graphics, and design elements.
2. The proposed location for installation of the sign.
3. Any additional information that may assist in evaluating the request.
4. Who is funding the cost of the sign.

Based on recent projects, informational signage can range in cost from approximately \$1,000 to \$2,500, depending on the size, materials, design complexity, and level of detail included on the sign.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
(Dates, committees, action taken)

Landmarks Meeting on June 3, 2026

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**  
(If none, state N/A)

\$1,000 to \$2,500 for signage and proof.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission develop a draft sign concept and identify a preferred location prior to submitting a request for review.

**ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED**  
(If none, state N/A)

Resolution Clarifying Jurisdiction



# Landmarks Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	July 2, 2026
Agenda Item:	Flat Iron Park Sign
Staff Contact (name, email, phone):	Llana Dostie, Zoning Specialist

**BACKGROUND**  
(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

At its most recent meeting, the Landmarks Commission discussed the possibility of installing informational signage on the newly installed sign in Flat Iron Park

If the Landmarks Commission wishes to pursue the creation and installation of an informational sign, a formal written request must be submitted to Kevin Boehm, Director of Parks and Recreation. The request should ask that the appropriate Parks and Recreation subcommittee be convened to review the proposed signage.

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Landmarks Meeting on June 3, 2026

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**ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED**  
(If none, state N/A)

Resolution Clarifying Jurisdiction

**CITY OF WHITEWATER**

**RESOLUTION NO. XX**

**A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING JURISDICTION OVER MAINTENANCE NEEDS FOR HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC PARKS AND FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whitewater recognizes the importance of maintaining public parks and facilities for the recreation, cultural heritage, and overall well-being of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, several properties under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department are also designated as Historic Local Landmarks, including:

1. Whitewater Passenger Depot
2. Birge Fountain
3. White Memorial Building
4. Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve
5. Armory
6. Starin Park Water Tower (Public Works in City Park)
7. Walton Oaks Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code assigns the Landmarks Commission the responsibility of protecting, enhancing, and perpetuating historically significant sites and properties, focusing on preservation, education, and promotion of the city's cultural and historical heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Board is charged with the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of public parks and recreational facilities, ensuring these spaces are maintained for public use and benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Parks and Recreation is responsible for managing, controlling, improving, and maintaining all public parks and recreational areas, including those of historical significance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Whitewater

1. **Jurisdictional Assignment:** The primary responsibility for the maintenance, improvement, and operational needs of public parks, including those with historical significance, shall reside with the Parks Board and the Director of Parks and Recreation. This jurisdiction ensures that maintenance is carried out efficiently and consistently with the city's recreational goals.
2. **Consultative Role of the Landmarks Commission:** The Landmarks Commission shall serve as a consultative body for maintenance decisions affecting historically significant sites within public parks. The Commission is encouraged to provide input on preservation matters to ensure that the city's cultural and historical heritage is respected and maintained.

- 3. Coordination Mechanism:** A formal subcommittee is hereby established between the Parks Board, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Economic Development, and the Landmarks Commission to address instances where maintenance needs intersect with historical preservation. This cooperative relationship shall be guided by a spirit of mutual respect, with the Parks Board overseeing the coordination efforts. The subcommittee will consist of 1 Park Board Member, 1 Landmarks Commission Member, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of Public Works, and the Director of Economic Development. Either the Park Board or the Landmarks Commission may initiate subcommittee meetings by submitting a written request to the Director of Parks and Recreation, detailing specific areas of concern or interest. All decisions will be made collaboratively, ensuring that both the preservation of the city's heritage and the upkeep of its parks are given due consideration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and that the Parks Board, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Landmarks Commission shall work together to implement this policy in a manner that serves the best interests of the City of Whitewater.

**Approved and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.**