



Landmarks Commission

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

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

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 Committee to be implemented. The agenda shall be approved at each meeting even if no changes are being made at that meeting.

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

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 May 6, 2026 Minutes.

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.

To make a comment during this period, or during any agenda item: On a computer or handheld device, locate the controls on your computer to raise your hand. You may need to move your mouse to see these controls. On a traditional telephone, dial *6 to unmute your phone and dial *9 to raise your hand.

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](#)

