Landmarks Commission

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

Wednesday, September 02, 2026 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Board Member Pat Blackmer
Board Member Penolope Alwin
Board Member Kelsey Reilly
Board Member Jordan Reilly
Council Representative Orin Artsmith

STAFF

Llana Dostie, Zoning Specialist
Kevin Boehm, Parks Director

GUEST

Gregg Gauger, owner 153 N Fremont
Max Marty Royal Purper Reporter

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 by Blackmer to move 4 and 5 prior to 3

Motion made by Council Representative Artsmith, Seconded by Board Member Reilly.
Voting Yea: Board Member Blackmer, Board Member Alwin, Board Member Reilly, Board Member Reilly, Council Representative Artsmith

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

DRAFT

1. Approval of July 2, 2026 Minutes.

   Motion made by Council Representative Artsmith, Seconded by Board Member Reilly. Voting Yea: Board Member Blackmer, Board Member Alwin, Board Member Reilly, Board Member Reilly, Council Representative Artsmith

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.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL

2. Discussion and possible approval of the designation of the Stone Stable located in between 301 W Whitewater and 417 W Whitewater in the Municipal Parking lot A as a Local Landmark. Tax Parcel # /A26740003.

   Blackmer provided the background to the Stone Stable designation.

   Boehm asked about what the reasoning was for landmark designation of the Stone Stable.

   Blackmer explained that the the reason was for preservation.

   Motion to designate the Stone Stable as a local landmark.

   Motion made by Board Member Alwin, Seconded by Council Representative Artsmith. Voting Yea: Board Member Blackmer, Board Member Alwin, Board Member Reilly, Board Member Reilly, Council Representative Artsmith

CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

3. Review and Discuss the Effigy Mounds Signage.

   Alwin provided a background as to why the signage is important.

   Director of Parks and Recreation Boehm provided a background on how to get signage.

4. Discuss and presentation by owner on his property located at 153 N Fremont.

   Property owner provided information as to why he requested to be on the agenda. Which was to get recommendations and support for an appeal to common council regarding code enforcement orders.

   Blackmer stated that we can't make any suggestions or recommendations.

Zoning Specialist Dostie did let property owner know that the citation report was completed and he would be receiving a citation within the next couple of days.

Boehm provided some ideas to get into code compliance.

5. Review and possible approval a recommendation for new signage for Flat Iron Park to the Park and Recreation Board.

Artsmith stated there are some recommendations about signage in the packet.

Boehm provided background as the base of the sign.

Boehm will get mock ups. Will bring to next months meeting.

6. Discuss, Review and Direct Staff as to what landmarks the commission would like featured on their webpage for the City Website.

Zoning Specialist Dostie provided a background of the new website and what is currently listed. Dostie requested further guidance as to photos for page and any other information needed.

Blackmer wanted a link to Discover Whitewater.

7. Discussion and possible approval of the new Landmarks Designation online application.

Zoning Specialist Dostie provided a background to the new application and asked for updates from board. The following requests for changes were received.

Remove Public Acquisition.

Make tax parcel numbers not required

Municipal Date not required

Motion to approve application with stated changes

Artsmith requested an email be sent out when ready.

Motion made by Council Representative Artsmith, Seconded by Board Member Reilly. Voting Yea: Board Member Blackmer, Board Member Alwin, Board Member Reilly, Board Member Reilly, Council Representative Artsmith

8. Review and Discuss Discover Whitewater Series on Historic Landmarks.

Blackmer provided information on the Discover Whitewater Series.

9. Review and Discuss the Engebretsen-Dorr House located at 622 W Main Street.

Blackmer provided a background as the house.

Zoning Specialist Dostie stated a phone call was received in office and potential buyer didn't know it was also a local landmark.

10. Review and discuss the updating of the Landmarks Brochure.

Blackmer provide that the brochure needs to be updated since there have been additions. When approved last year the Chamber was willing do pay for the printing.

NEXT MEETING DATE OCTOBER 7, 2026.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Flat Iron Park Sign
Effigy Mounds draft for Parks Board-Alwin
Landmarks Brochure

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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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