



Landmarks Commission

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

Wednesday, August 06, 2025 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Board Member Pat Blackmer
Board Member Penelope Alwin
Board Member Kelsey Reilly
Board Member Jordan Reilly
Council Representative Michael Smith

ABSENT

Council Representative Orin O. Smith

STAFF

Llana Dostie, Neighborhood Services Administrative Assistant

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 J. Reilly to move item 3 before item 2 up.

Motion made by Board Member J. Reilly, Seconded by Council Representative Smith

Voting Yea: Board Member Blackmer, Board Member Alwin, Board Member K. Reilly, Board Member J. Reilly, Council Representative Smith

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 July 2, 2025 Minutes.

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

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. Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council the recommendations related to Starin Park Water Tower.

Blackmer moved that we accept the recommendations of the Starin Park Water Tower Committee to move forward.

All members of Landmarks were present at the Starin Park Water tower Committee meeting and we all agreed at that time that it would be a good idea to move forward with recommending to Common Council to allow Brad Marquardt to put in a request so we could eventually hire someone to do a a real detailed assessment of the Starin Park Water Tower, particularly the steel beams that are corroded.

Smith asked if there had been a report on this.

Blackmer stated that there was the McEnroe report. Brad Marquardt reached out to McEnroe and they recommended that we reach out to someone that does masonry work and investigative things like this instead of her company, we would save money. Brad reached out to two companies Cornerstone in Sullivan and another company in Wauwatosa. The company in Wauwatosa stated that the secondary steel beams that go into the masonry of the water tower up near the tank has some corrosion and that corrosion probably exists inside the masonry where the steel beams are inserted. We are looking at hopefully getting a bid to repair that.

Motion passed.

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

3. Discussion and possible approval of disposal of the White Memorial Library Bookcases that were unable to be relocated.

Dostie explained the memo from Park and Rec Director Kevin Boehm. The bookcase the committee voted on last meeting has not been moved yet. The rest of the bookcase are being moved out to the The Marshall barn on the farm that the city owns by Howard road. They will be covered but this is not a climate controlled location and Kevin does not want to keep them for more than a year.

Alwin asked if we would be able to put those up for sale. She knows the barn and personally stores a lot of things in barns and that location is not good for these bookcases.

Blackmer stated that they are not landmarked property, but historic city owned property. And they are under the purview of the Landmarks Commission. The commission simply records what is historic personal city owned property and keeps a file on it. The matter would have to go to the City Council for them to be sold.

Smith asked about how big these bookcase are.

Dostie stated that they are big and different sizes and the ones left are in poor condition.

Blackmer stated they were original to the White Memorial Library when the library was built in 1903.

Alwin asked if this could go on the council agenda for August.

Blackmer stated that not yet, there were still other avenues that were being explored.

No action.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-Effigy Mounds Historical Gardens

-White Memorial Bookcases

NEXT MEETING DATE SEPTEMBER 3, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Motion made by Board Member J. Reilly. Seconded by Smith.

Voting Yea: Board Member Blackmer, Board Member Alwin, Board Member Reilly, Board Member Reilly