

Starin Park Water Tower Committee Report to the Landmarks Commission

July 21, 2025. The Landmarks Commission approved these recommendations on August 6, 2025.

The Starin Park Water Tower Committee approved the following recommendations to the Whitewater Landmarks Commission regarding the work to stabilize the old Starin Park Water Tower structure.

1. Inspections of the Starin Park Water Tower by both professional engineers and restoration experts indicate that the tower is in safe condition as long as the fence around it is maintained. Therefore, the committee continues to recommend that the water tower not be demolished, but that work be done to stabilize the tower structure for the foreseeable future.
2. The water tank, itself, and the main beams supporting the tank are in good condition and no repair is needed to them at this time or in the near future; therefore, the committee recommends that work on this part of the tower structure is not necessary.
3. Some secondary beams are significantly rusted where they are attached to the stone walls and while not in danger of immediate failure they should be repaired/replaced for long-term stability of the tower. The interior stonework near the tank is also in need of some repair in order to maintain the long-term stability of the tower.
4. The committee, therefore, recommends that all secondary beams with rust issues be repaired/replaced and that interior stonework near the tank be repaired. This work should all be done at the same time in order to save money on the installation of interior scaffolding.
5. The committee recommends that the City of Whitewater put out bids for this work and that this work be funded with the money that has been estimated that would be needed to demolish the tower.
6. It is the committee's opinion that by performing these repairs, the water tower will be structurally stable for the foreseeable future.