CITY OF MENASHA
Landmarks Commission
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall – 140 Main Street
July 15, 2015
DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Grade at 4:35 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

LANDMARKS MEMBERS PRESENT: Ald. Mark Langdon and Commissioners Tom Grade, Paul Brunette, Shellie Caudill and Dean Wydeven.

LANDMARKS MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Alison Mayer.

OTHERS PRESENT: CDD Keil, AP Englebert and Nick Jevne.

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the June 15, 2015, 2015 Landmarks Commission Meeting**
   Motion by Comm. Brunette, seconded by Ald. Langdon to approve the June 15, 2015 Landmarks Commission meeting minutes. The motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM OF CONCERN ON THIS AGENDA OR ANY ITEM RELATED TO THE RESPONSIBILITES OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION

No one spoke.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Conducting Open Meetings**
   Ald. Langdon commented on open meeting law requirements and Robert's Rules of Order.
2. **New York Times Article**
   Comm. Grade commented on how economic forces were having an adverse effect on historic preservation and drew parallels with Menasha.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. None.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Historical Magazine Article Submission Follow-Up**
   AP Englebert stated that he spoke with the editor of Columns, the quarterly newsletter for the Wisconsin Historical Society, and was informed that the publication does not accept third-party submissions. AP Englebert also reached out to the Wisconsin Magazine of History and is awaiting a response.
2. **Pillar Committee Follow-Up**
   Comm. Grade spoke about narrowing down potential sites for the column relocation. Commissioners discussed the efficacy of relocating the columns in a city park. CDD Keil informed the commission that there will be another Pillar Committee meeting around October to discuss the site locations in more detail.
3. **Lion's Head and Hotel Plaque Follow-Up**
   Comm. Grade stated that he has the Lion Head in his possession. Additionally, Comm. Grade indicated that the Menasha Historical Society may create a mold of the Lion's Head and incorporate it into the Bridge Tower Museum. Ald. Langdon updated the committee about efforts to locate the Menasha Hotel Historic Plaque.
4. **Historical Society Caboose – National/State/Community Landmark**
   Comm. Brunette talked about the possibility of placing the caboose on the Wisconsin State Historical Register. Commissioners discussed maintenance of the caboose.
5. **Historical Landmarks and Opportunity to Save and/or Potential to Lose**
   Commissioners discussed the role of the Landmarks Commission as it pertains to development in the Historical District. Comm. Caudill suggested concentrating preservation efforts at specific

properties within the district. Commissioners talked about historic preservation initiatives in other communities.

6. **Appropriateness of Residence to Serve on Landmarks Commission**
CDD Keil explained that there is no residency requirement for members of the Landmarks Commission. Commissioners discussed the merits of a residency requirement and qualifications of Landmarks Commission members.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM OF CONCERN ON THIS AGENDA

None one spoke.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Langdon, seconded by Comm. Wydeven to adjourn at 5:50 PM. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by AP Englebert.