

**MINUTES – MEETING 121  
WASHINGTON COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
February 12, 2007  
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

PRESENT: Chairperson Robert Meyer, Norbert Dettmann, Paul Quick, Eileen Densow, Irene Blau, Beverly Schroeder, Marilyn Merten, Barbara Wenzlaff. Also present: Aaron Fuhreck.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Meyer at 2:06 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed and posted.

**NOTE: Public notice of a meeting of the LANDMARKS COMMISSION on December 4, 2006, was not held due to lack of a quorum. Also, a public notice of a meeting of the LANDMARKS COMMISSION on February 5, 2007, was cancelled due to weather and rescheduled on February 12, 2007, with minutes following.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2007**

Moved by Ms. Merten and seconded by Ms. Densow to nominate Robert Meyer for Chairperson. Hearing no other nominations, it was moved by Ms. Merten, second by Ms. Schroeder to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Meyer, Chairperson.

It was moved by Ms. Schroeder and seconded by Ms. Densow to nominate Norbert Dettmann for Vice Chairperson. Hearing no other nominations, it was moved by Ms. Schroeder, second by Mr. Quick to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Norbert Dettmann, Vice Chairperson.

It was moved by Ms. Merten and seconded by Ms. Schroeder to nominate Barbara Wenzlaff for Secretary-Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, it was moved by Mr. Quick, second by Ms. Merten to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Barbara Wenzlaff, Secretary.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of September 11, 2006, were approved by a motion of Ms. Merten, second by Ms. Schroeder. Motion carried.

**LANDMARK APPLICATIONS**

An application was presented for landmark consideration by the owner of **The Brown Dog**, Mr. Aaron J. Fuhreck, located at 518 Poplar Street in the City of West Bend. The original owner of the plot of land was James Kneeland, a pioneer of Milwaukee. The land was purchased from the United States Government when US President Polk was in office. The building, one of the oldest in West Bend, was purchased by William Urkart, who was one of two people responsible for starting the West Bend Airport. Two Civil War veterans, Jacob E. Mann and Ernest Fittner, had ownership of the building. In the late 1800's, this building was the local center of downtown West Bend, with the old County Courthouse located across the street. Currently, Mr. Fuhreck of Fuhreck Enterprises, LLC, operates a gourmet restaurant on the premises. Prior to purchasing the building, an application for the National Registry of Historic Landmarks was in process and will be finalized in July 2007. Mr. Fuhreck is currently searching for additional information of the property genealogy. It was moved by Ms. Merten and seconded by Ms. Densow to accept The Brown Dog application, seeking landmark recognition on the property, pending Secretary Wenzlaff's final review of deeds to complete the property genealogy. Motion Carried. Mr. Quick and Ms. Wenzlaff are developing the plaque narrative for approval of Commission members and Mr. and Mrs. Schlieve.

County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski received a landmark application from Mr. Ted Komp, Hartford, the owner of a home in West Bend. The property, called **The Stork House**, is located at 440 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It was moved by Ms. Merten, seconded by Mr. Dettmann that the application is put

on hold until Mr. Komp can be notified to complete further research of the property and forward copies of historical records that pertain to the property. Motion carried.

**CELEBRATE FAMILIES RESOURCE FAIR**

Mr. Dettmann and Chairperson Meyer reported that the Celebrate Families Resource Fair event held at Washington County Fair Park on February 11, 2007, was successful. Children participating in the scavenger hunt made a Valentine and landmarks coloring books and driving maps were offered to the families. The event raises public awareness of the restoration and preservation efforts of citizens in the County.

**COUNTY FAIR BOOTH**

A motion was made by Mr. Dettmann, second by Ms. Densow to authorize County Clerk Jaszewski to complete the application and forward payment for the County Fair booth. Landmarks Commission members will display photos of county landmarks and distribute copies of landmarks books, maps, and application forms during the County Fair week.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

A new member of the Commission is being sought to complete the unexpired term of Ms. Miske, who resigned in 2006.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

SMART GROWTH – Mr. Dettmann attended meetings of the Smart Growth - Agriculture and Culture Committee. Landmarks will be recognized in the Smart Growth plan.

**NEXT MEETING: March 5, 2007, 2:00 P.M.**

It was moved by Ms. Merten, second by Ms. Densow to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Treasurer

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Barbara L. Wenzlaff, Secretary-

Washington County Landmarks Commission