

**Landmarks Commission
September 10, 2015**

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UNAPPROVED**

A regular meeting of the Landmarks Commission, City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Cedarburg City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judy Jepsen at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Judy Jepsen, Tomi Fay Forbes, Tom Kubala, James Pape
Excused: Council Member Patricia Thome, Dick Ellefson, Allison Hanson
Also Present: City Planner Jon Censky

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairperson Jepsen acknowledged that the agenda for this meeting was posted and distributed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jim Pape, seconded by Tom Kubala, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2015 meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dick Ellefson, Council Member Thome and Allison Hanson excused.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Taraboi is Seeking Approval of Signs to be Located on the East, West and South Facades of the Building Located at W63 N712 Washington Avenue; and Action Thereon.

The new sign is located at the same place as the former sign on the east side of the building. In addition, a new sign was added to the south side of the building. The sign is a very appropriate sign for the barn structure and meets the Sign Code requirements.

Tomi Fay made a motion to accept the sign. Tom Kubala seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote with Jim Pape abstaining and Dick Ellefson, Council Member Thome and Allison Hanson excused.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Keith Reid is Requesting Approval of the Decorative Lights Attached Around the Stilt House Sign Located at W62 N630 Washington Avenue; and Action Thereon.

The issue is not the sign but the lighting. The sign was wrapped in bright LED lights which quickly drew attention to the sign. After complaints about the lighting, the owner turned the

LED lights down to a lower power. Keith Reid stated that few businesses are open at night in the City. The sign shows those walking around or just checking into a bed and breakfast, that there is a business still open and serving if they are looking for a place to eat. He contends that you want to bring attention to the businesses, to attract people to utilize them.

The brightness of the sign has been drawing complaints. Sign lighting is under the purview of the Landmarks Commission.

Tom Kubala stated he objected to the sign lighting because the point source of the lights are exposed. The appropriate lighting for the historic district is indirect lighting. The LED lights wrapped around the sign are not in keeping with other lit signs in Downtown Cedarburg. Tom Kubala is concerned that once one business is permitted to have such lighting, others will follow suit. He complimented the business, saying it has brought new life to the City.

Tom Kubala stated that the Rivoli does have exposed lighting, but the present sign replicates the original sign, and the construction of the sign was supervised by the same person who supervised the original sign. He stated that perhaps The Stilt House could place lamps in the existing fixtures that have focused optics, a parabolic reflector lamp, which gives the owner the opportunity to select a varying degree of light output.

Keith Reid asked if the Commission would consider allowing him to use the lights, dimmed, and turn off his flood lights, until the next meeting.

Tom Kubala moved not to accept the rim of LED lights around the edge of the sign because they are exposed light sources. Tomi Fay seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dick Ellefson, Council Member Thome and Allison Hanson excused.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tomi Fay, seconded by Tom Kubala, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dick Ellefson, Council Member Thome and Allison Hanson excused.

Tomi Fay Forbes
Secretary

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