

LANDMARKS COMMISSION
February 9, 2023

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UNAPPROVED

A regular meeting of the Landmarks Commission, City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held Thursday, February 9, 2023 at Cedarburg City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, Room 1.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Kubala at 8:29 a.m.

Roll Call: Present – Chairperson Tom Kubala, Vice-Chairperson James Pape,
Tomi Fay Forbes, Chris Smith, Elizabeth Krimmel

Also Present – City Planner Jon Censky

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairperson Kubala 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 Commissioner Krimmel and seconded by Commissioner Forbes to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023, meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS – none

REGULAR BUSINESS

Consider Resolution No. 2023-01LAN Honoring Judy Jepson, and Action Thereon.

A plaque was handed around for the Commissioners to view. Commissioner Forbes stated she will contact Judy's son to arrange for a presentation. Chairperson Kubala and Commissioner Smith plan to attend the presentation, as well as City Planner Censky if he is available. Commissioner Forbes applied a wall hanging of the Jepson home which will also be presented to Judy.

Action:

Commissioner Krimmel made a motion to accept the plaque as presented, Commissioner Pape seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Applicant is Requesting a Menorah Previously Approved on a Temporary Basis at N58W6204 Columbia Road be Approved on a Permanent Basis, and Action Thereon.

Rabbi Menachem Rapoport represented the Jewish Discovery Center. He stated that when the menorah was initially proposed, the landlord, Mr. Don Levy, had just invested in the hardscape of the property and wanted to gauge how well the menorah was received by a trial on a seasonal basis. Since it had been well received with people having their picture taken by it, Mr. Levy was comfortable with the menorah staying in place permanently.

Commissioner Krimmel asked if the menorah is specifically associated with a seasonal event, or appropriate for year-round display. Rabbi Rapoport responded that in many places, the menorah is used as a symbol year-around and that in 1989 *Allegheny County (PA) versus the ACLU* the Supreme Court validated a community display of the menorah (and Christmas tree). The menorah is seen by many as a universal symbol of light over darkness. Because the menorah is a sculpture, not a sign, there was no issue with the Sign Code nor the lighting.

Action:

Commissioner Krimmel made a motion to accept the permanent display of the menorah. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Applicant is Requesting Approval to Raze a Garage Located in the Rear Yard of the Historic Site at W61 N449 Washington Avenue, and Action Thereon.

City Planner Censky stated that while the house is a contributing structure, the garage is not listed on the Historic Survey. The absence of the garage will allow for parking pending the construction of 4-unit apartment buildings on an empty lot to the west of the existing house. Jordan Larson stated the garage was expanded between 1963 and 1970. Commissioner Forbes stated that the garage roof had something of an undulation to it.

Action:

Commissioner Pape made a motion to approve the razing of the garage, Commissioner Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Krimmel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 a.m. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Tomi Fay Forbes
Secretary

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