

MINUTES

Plan Commission Meeting

Date / Time: Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. | *Meeting called to order by* Mayor Diny at 5:03 P.M.

In Attendance

Members Present: Mayor Doug Diny, Eric Lindman, Sarah Watson, Bruce Bohlken, Andrew Brueggeman, Lou Larson (5:24pm)

Staff Present: Brad Lenz, Carrie Edmondson, Shahn Kariger

Others Present:

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner.

Agenda Item 1 – Approve the meeting minutes for August 19, 2025

Motion by Bohlken and seconded by Brueggeman. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

Agenda Item 2 – Discussion and possible action on landmarking Eastgate Hall (Marathon Park) (Historic Preservation)

Parks Director Polley referenced her letter to the commission supporting a landmarking of the original stone wing of the building but not the entirety of the building. Mayor Diny asked how one part of the building could be designated but not the whole building. Polley clarified that they are two separate parts with separate entrances and uses but are connected into one structure. There was a question from the commission on how this designation would affect the Westside Master Plan. Polley noted that the changes laid out in the plan have already been made to the building.

Motion by Watson, second by Bohlken to amend the landmarking designation to the stone wing only. **Motion carried 4-1.**

Motion by Bohlken and seconded by Watson to recommend the landmarking of Eastgate Hall as amended. **Motion carried unanimously 4-1.**

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion and possible action on landmarking Irving School (833 S 3rd Ave) (Historic Preservation)

Motion by Bohlken to accept the landmarking of Irving School. Motion was not seconded.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion and possible action on approving a sculpture on the River Edge Trail (Parks & Rec, Arts Commission)

Lenz shared that the Arts Commission recommended approving the sculpture at the proposed location with a few suggestions including ensuring that the piece is historically accurate. The Parks and Rec committee also recommended approving the sculpture. The sculpture will be paid for by the Walter Alexander Foundation and they are requesting that the City maintain the sculpture, relocate landscaping from the site and run electricity to the site. Mayor Diny inquired about maintenance costs moving forward. Lenz shared that the sculpture would be made of bronze like the kayak sculpture nearby. Maintenance includes washing and waxing annually or biannually which would be done by the Parks Department and they have considered outsourcing that task. Lenz is meeting with a sculpture cleaner to get estimates for the cost of cleaning.

Motion by Brueggeman and seconded by Watson. **Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

Agenda Item 5 – Informational presentation to summarize the Zoning Review completed by SolSmart

Edmondson gave a presentation to summarize the zoning review completed by SolSmart indicating that our zoning code was solar friendly.

Agenda Item 6 – Next meeting date

The next Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

Brueggeman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Watson. Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:27 PM