



Dear Members of Waukesha Common Council and Members of Landmark Commission,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a member on the Landmarks Commission Board. I have had the opportunity to work with the Landmark Commission over the last several years regarding several projects involving my place of business- Club 400 Bar and Grill in the city of Waukesha. Through these processes, I began to develop an understanding and appreciation for what the Landmarks Commission does and what their goals for preserving the history of Waukesha are.

My husband and I purchased this historic property in 2021. At the time, I did not fully anticipate the rules and regulations that came with owning an old building. Landmarks was very helpful when I had questions about what steps were needed when wanting to make improvements on the outside of the property. At the same time, as a business owner, I also understand the frustrations that come with owning a historic building. I do believe that having this understanding does provide a perspective that can offer a certain level of empathy and compassion.

Since owning this property, I have become very interested in the history of Waukesha. It started with researching the building. I did this to understand and share the history with our patrons. This led to being asked to participate in Waukesha Unlocked. After being a site for the year 2022, I was then asked to be on the Waukesha Unlocked Committee. For the year 2024, not only was Club 400 a site, I also organized a historic food tour for Unlocked weekend. This required researching much more of Waukesha and the historic buildings in the downtown area. This was so successful that I then did the food tour for Janboree and will once again conduct the tour in 2026.

I thank you for your consideration. I look forward to being able to contribute to the preservation of the character and heritage of the city of Waukesha.

Sincerely,
Andrea Dorantes