

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
Thursday, January 22 2009
Waverly Public Library Conference Room 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: James Hundley, Dita Boorum, Kathryn Payne, Karen Lehmann, Dr. Terrence Lindell, Les Zelle

Members Absent: Geneva Liebau

Council Present: Cyndi Ecker

Also present: Beth Paulsen, Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitor: Wartburg Student Dominic Schnell

.Call to order at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of minutes from November and January 15th meetings:

Hundley made a motion to accept.

Zelle seconded.

Vote: yes-6 no-0 absent-1

City Communication: Meyer-Reyerson shared that the HPC budget will most likely be the same in 2009.

She is working on the annual report.

Old Business:

1. No update on plaques
2. New Register locations will be sent letter of acceptance.

Regular Business:

1. Sturdevant home sale has been postponed.
2. Discussion regarding sample ordinances and potential ideas regarding a new Waverly ordinance.

Payne explained the difference between surveys and inventories. Previously discussed ordinances were not found to be well supported.

Zelle expressed concern that we may need surveys done to justify potential ordinances that would give the commission a right to control what may be done to certain properties in certain districts.

Payne explained that the commission already has an educational role in Waverly established by our CLG and current ordinance. To actually control designs of certain properties a new ordinance would have to be established. Creating certain historic district/districts in Waverly would be challenging as there are historic homes in almost every major district in Waverly.

Zelle posed the question of how we get better information to property owners in the community regarding the historic value of the properties.

Hundley suggested pamphlets and brochures be made available at city hall and the library with topics regarding guidelines on restoring ones home, remodeling, and a "do's and don'ts" type list.

Hundley also suggested more information be put on the website with resources and links to further information.

Payne stated that these ideas would just take someone willing to put in the time to create them.

Lehmann suggested the possibility of a Wartburg class or student possibly using this as a class project.

It was decided that we would focus on creating certain goals for the next year to be discussed at the next meeting. These goals would reflect some of the ideas discussed in this meeting.

Lindell stated that next meeting would also include the election of officers for 2009.

Zelle suggested having a news article that expresses to the community the goals for 2009.

The next meeting will be February 26th in the conference room of the Waverly Public Library.

Motion: The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Moved: Lehmann

Second: Hundley

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1