

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
Thursday, May 7th 2009
Waverly Public Library Conference Room 5:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Members Present: James Hundley, Kathryn Payne, Karen Lehmann, Les Zelle, Mary Meyer

Members Absent: Geneva Liebau

Seat not filled: one

Council Present: none

Also present: Beth Paulsen, Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitor: Terrence Lindell

Call to order at 5:33 p.m.

Members welcomed new member Mary Meyer to the commission.

Approval of minutes from April 23rd meeting:

Hundley made a motion to accept.

Zelle seconded

Yes: 4 no: 0 absent: 2

Regular Business:

1. Election of officers

Zelle nominated Kate Payne as Chairperson.

Seconded by Hundley

Yes: 5 no: 0 absent: 1

Payne nominated Lehmann as Vice-chairperson.

Seconded by Hundley

Yes: 5 no: 0 absent: 1

2. The commission discussed the possibility of sending out a postcard to the properties listed in the Iowa Homeland Security Survey previously submitted to the commission. Meyer-Reyerson will look into possible funding for postcard expenses. The commission was in favor.
3. The commission discussed their role in the upcoming process regarding a memorandum of agreement with FEMA and the upcoming public meeting. Payne stated that one of the main responsibilities of the commission as a CLG should be to seek National Historic Registry status for the community of Waverly. The commission has previously sought funding to do such projects, but they were unable to acquire grants needed to offset the costs. Now the flood has triggered Iowa Homeland Security to step in and do much of the research for the community.

Lehmann stated that the commission should be sure to communicate several key points at the upcoming public meeting on the 28th:

- This will not affect the buyout process.

- A federal designation of historic districts will not limit the city's ability to fulfill its responsibilities on future infrastructure projects.
 - This is a wonderful opportunity for the community of Waverly to have its historic resources documented and developed in ways that were previously financially impossible for the commission.
 - This opportunity may create a higher quality of life for the community of Waverly.
4. Meyer-Reyerson noted that the homes listed as "403" on the survey are the ones that MUST go.
The homes listed as "404" on the survey and are on the buyout list totals about 4-5 homes that are also individually eligible for NHRP.
 5. It was discussed to create a list of FAQ's for the public meeting and possible a list of benefits for keeping and maintaining a historic home.
 6. Payne suggested that one priority would be to present district nominations for three potential historic districts.
 7. Lehmann added that another priority would be funding for salvage, deconstruction or moving of historic properties.
 8. For the public meeting Meyer-Reyerson said she would create a FAQ sheet to hand out at the public meeting.
 9. Payne will draft a statement for the commission to present at the public meeting.
 10. Bremer Avenue Bridge marker Sarah Meyer-Reyerson will check on potential vendors that would make the plaque or structure. Matt Hoodjer will complete the final draft. And the city will designate the location.

Staff report: Meyer-Reyerson reported that the survey being done on the Cedar River Dam was ongoing and a report would soon be submitted by the historian within 45 days.

The next meeting will be May 28th in the Bremer Room at the Waverly Public Library.

Motion: The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Moved: Hundley

Second: Payne

Yes: 5 no: 0 absent: 1