Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Thursday, September 24th, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Waverly Public Library – Conference Room

Members Present: Mary Meyer, Les Zelle, Geneva Liebau, Erika Lindgren, Kathryn Payne, Karen Lehmann Members absent: Jim Hundley Visitor: Tom Hicks Call to order: 5:35p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept both July and August minutes as written: Liebau Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (approved before Lehmann arrived).

Regular Business:

- Historic Marker Project –Bremer Avenue Bridge Marker Meyer-Reyerson reported that a 3D image will be created of the chosen photo costing a few hundred dollars more than projected, but that the budget will allow for this to still be covered. Meyer-Reyerson stated that the order will take about 4 weeks. Payne asked how the plaque will be mounted. Meyer-Reyerson stated that it will be local field stone chosen by Mehmen. Meyer-Reyerson asked "do we want it inset?" All agreed that inset would be better. Zelle noted concern regarding height of the rock being used to mount. Meyer-Reyerson will have further discussion with Mehmen regarding how it is mounted.
 FEMA Memorandum of Agreement
- Meyer-Reyerson has no new information from FEMA officials Zimmer or Svedsen regarding the MOA.
- Demolition, Deconstruction, or Moving of Buyout Homes Meyer-Reyerson has no new information. The buyouts have begun and only the contractor with the demolition contract can make the decision on what is done with the property.

Lehmann wanted clarification on whether salvage or deconstruction of buyouts was included in the MOA. SMR stated that this was requested but

not included in the MOA. The commission would now have to request that the city address the salvage or deconstruction possibilities.

Payne stated that once the city buys out the property owner we could encourage the city to make the property available to buy and move. Liebau asked about salvage storage possibilities.

Payne asked if the commission could be put on the city council agenda to ask the city provide opportunity to the public to purchase buyout homes to move or salvage.

Commissions expressed the needs to know from the city officials how the contracts are set up and how they are negotiated. Do they include salvage rights?

Payne asked who can attend the city council meeting. Many commission members were unable to attend the upcoming meeting. Payne agreed to attend as commission representative and Meyer-Reyerson will attend as city liaison.

4. Future Commission meetings have been scheduled for October 15th, November for 19 and December 17th, due to regular meeting times falling on holiday dates.

Council Report - none

Staff Report-Meyer-Reyerson stated that the Rail Trail Bridge is set for repair.

Meyer-Reyerson needs confirmation of contact information commissioners would like seen on the website.

Meyer-Reyerson shared that a spreadsheet has been created on each home in the SW quadrant listed in the FEMA Survey for future reference.

Chairperson's Report - Kate Payne - none

Zelle mentioned the need to have an outline of this process in the newspaper at some point in an effort to communicate with the public.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday October 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Waverly Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

*Next meeting schedule has changed to Tuesday the 20th at the 5:30 p.m. in the Bremer Room of the Waverly Public Library.