

Historic Preservation Commission

Thursday, January 28th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
Waverly Public Library Conference Room

Members Present: Erika Lindgren, Les Zelle, Mary Meyer, Jim Hundley, & Karen Lehmann. Also present were City Council Liaison Kathy Olsen and visitor Tom Hicks.

Members Absent: Geneva Liebau, Kate Payne

Call to order by Lehmann at 6:05 p.m.

Visitors & Public Comments: Introductions were made around the table.

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve December 2009 minutes by Hundley. Seconded by Lindgren.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2

Olsen asked about the Historic Preservation Commission's budget within the City's overall budget.

Regular business:

1. Demolition, Deconstruction or Moving of Buyout Homes
Update on the status of buyout homes. Some in City possession now. The historic homes of interest to this commission, as identified at the January meeting, will be saved until last for demolition. Questions raised by commissioners: 1) Can the City request assistance from WL&P in moving utilities if historic homes are able to be moved? 2) Are there any projects in the works with buyout homes and Habitat for Humanity? 3) Can HP commissioners be allowed to enter and inspect buyout homes for salvage? 4) Ask Rod Scott's advice on wording for demolition contract. In regard to the demolition contract Lehmann expressed that the prioritized options may be first to sell home to the highest bidder, then salvage/deconstruction, and lastly demolition. 5) Invite to the February HPC meeting – Dick Crayne, Ben Kohout, & Rod Scott.
2. Certified Local Government annual report and agreement
Meyer-Reyerson reviewed the CLG agreement between the City of Waverly and the State Historical Society of Iowa, and presented a draft version of the CLG annual report.
3. Action Plan for 2010
Meyer-Reyerson reviewed a draft action plan with the commission, noting that two commissioners have terms expiring on May 1, 2010 (Liebau and Lehmann). Major upcoming projects include the surveys & nominations for NRHP-eligible districts: downtown, Southeast and Northwest Waverly. The hope was expressed that the Bremer Avenue Bridge plaque could be installed by May, so that it can be highlighted during Historic Preservation Month. Mary Meyer suggested that another project might be collecting photos of historic homes no longer standing.

Staff report-Sarah Meyer-Reyerson reported that there is some citizen interest in acquiring a caboose to place near the rail trail in Waverly. There is a grant opportunity for a project like this which has been successful in other communities. In light of the weighty projects in front of this commission, it was requested to pass this opportunity along to the rail trail committee under Leisure Services.

Hundley expressed his desire to see *Preservation Award* nominations accepted this March, so that these could be awarded during Historic Preservation month in May.

The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 25th at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the Waverly Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Meyer-Reyerson