

Minutes from the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting – February 24, 2011

Members present: Tom Hicks, Jim Hundley, Karen Lehmann, Erika Lindgren, Mary Meyer, Les Zelle

Member absent: Kathryn Payne

Visitors: Duane Liddle, Kelly Engelken (Chamber of Commerce)

Staff Present: Beth Paulsen

Council Present: Kathy Olson

Call to order: 6:02 p.m. by Lehmann – Vice President

Visitor/ Public Comment: Olson stated that she has received a comment from a citizen asking about whether the city would set up any ordinances setting rules for the historic districts once they are in place.

Lehmann responded that the commission is not currently interested in recommending ordinances for the districts but there are plans for educational seminars to help homeowners with restorations and tax credit possibilities.

Engelken stated that the chamber would be very interested in supporting and facilitating such educational programs in the community.

Lehmann suggested a Facebook page be developed to further communicate with the community on projects and opportunities.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Hicks

Second: Lindgren

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

Regular Business:

1. Salvage Discussion Items

Hicks stated the total amount of proceeds from the sale of salvage items that goes to Preservation Iowa was \$18,914.85 (gross). A net figure will be available in the near future.

In regard to future publicity, the commission suggested a newspaper article be written to let the public know an update on the success of the project. Engelken said she would look into an article publication of the project in the National Historic Preservation Magazine.

In the absence of the chairperson the discussion of the letter of request for funds to be donated by Preservation Iowa to cover signage for the districts was tabled.

In regard to a potential salvage of the second group of buyout properties, the commission would like to take time to confirm whether the area Habitat for Humanity is interested in moving any

of the homes in this group. As well the commission would like to find out the historic value of the homes in this group.

Council Report:

Olson reported that the demolition of the current group of buyout properties is moving along quickly.

The fourth street project has been approved.

The Parks and Open Space group will be dealing with the use of the open lots in the near future as there are multiple ideas on positive uses for these lots.

Hundley asked about the future of the Irving property and Olson reported that she believes that the school board will hold on to the property.

Staff Report: none

Chairpersons Report: none

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for March 24th at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Waverly Public Library.