

Minutes from the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting – May 26th, 2011 at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room

Members present: Tom Hicks, Jim Hundley, Mary Meyer, Don Meyer

Member absent: Karen Lehmann, Erika Lindgren, Kathryn Payne

Visitor: none

Staff Present: Beth Paulsen and Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Council Present: Kathy Olson

Call to order: 6:12 p.m. after an introduction of new member Don Meyer.

Visitor Comment: none

Approval of Minutes

Motion- for approval made by Hundley

Yes- 4

No-0

Absent: 3

Regular Business:

1. Preservation Month- The declaration of National Historic Preservation month failed to get into the council packet, and is now not able to be declared.
2. Local Preservation Awards – Sarah Meyer-Reyerson reviewed the explanation of the Award vs. the Waverly Historic Register. She suggested that the next round of nominations be due around the first of September. Olson suggested Kate Koobs house, 608 3rd Ave NW. be nominated. Commissioners were in agreement to begin accepting nominations for the Historic Preservation Award until September 10st, 2011.
Hundley made a motion to seek nominations for Historic Preservation Awards until September 10th, 2011.
Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3
3. U.S. Cellular Antenna – Meyer-Reyerson explained that in order to update the antenna they are required to make the community aware of the change. The commissioners saw no negative aspects to this change.
4. Historic Tax Credit Workshop – Meyer-Reyerson handed out materials give during the workshop to commissioners to better understand the available programs. There are both state and federal tax incentives available to downtown building owners that do renovation projects. Two downtown business owners attended the workshop.

Council report: none

Staff report: Meyer-Reyerson stated that the second round of buyouts are almost complete and that there are about 20 properties. There is still hope to get some of the houses moved. These are homes that had less than 50% damaged, and were only able to be bought out in the second round of buyouts.

A history of the Washington Irving School has been completed by Marlys Svendsen and added to the library's collection.

Mike Cherry has asked for the library staff to write the history of the dam for a marker that will be placed near the new dam.

Hundley mentioned that based on past meeting minutes thank-you notes still need to go out from the commission, as well a public thank-you in the newspaper.

Hicks suggested that at the next meeting the commission should discuss whether there is a need to change what night the monthly meetings occur night.

Chairperson's Report: none

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for June 23rd, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Waverly Public Library.