

**Minutes from the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting –
July 28, 2011 at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room**

Members present: Tom Hicks, Jim Hundley, Mary Meyer, Karen Lehmann, Erika Lindgren, Kathryn Payne, Don Meyer

Members absent: none

Visitor: none

Staff Present: Beth Paulsen and Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Council Present: Kathy Olson

Lehmann called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Lehmann suggested that the minutes be revised and submitted at next meeting for approval.

Lehmann thanked Paulsen for secretarial duties performed for the commission as a city liaison.

Regular Business:

1. Hicks stated that items have been identified for salvage from 422 1st Ave SW for donation to the Sturdevant home (cupboards, appliances, toilet and sink, ceiling fan, etc.). These items need to be moved soon. Lindgren made a motion that the commissioners approve the salvage of items for the Sturdevant house. Payne seconded. Discussion: none. Yes: all /No: none

Hicks stated that once the restoration of the Sturdevant house is completed, items salvaged could be sold to benefit the house.

The commission set the last Saturday in August – the 27th-to move items from 422 1st Ave. SW to the Sturdevant house.

2. Meyer-Reyerson explained that Marlys Svendsen is helping with questions and discussion going on in reference to a potential MOA for the second group of buyout homes by the state/CDBG. Svendsen assured others that the loss of the second group would not affect the historic district. The loss is much smaller than the previous group so a figure of the potential compensation is currently unknown. No official request has been made to the commission yet regarding a suggested compensation for the historic loss of the second group of homes.
3. CLA Grant Opportunity –Sarah Meyer-let the commissioners know that there is potential state grant money available to the commission. Payne stated that other grant requests have been denied in the past. The discussion led to the fact that the new districts will increase the likelihood of obtaining a grant in the future. The commission will be discussing ideas for a proposal for this grant in the next year. Lehmann suggested a newly designed webpage could be a possibility. Meyer-Reyerson stated that the city website will be undergoing a major change that could affect the design of the existing HPC webpage.

The commission discussed the potential of Preservation Iowa money to be donated to the Sturdevant house renovation as well as the commission. As previously discussed the commission would request \$3,000 for signage for the new districts. Lehmann read statements for an email to the commission from Kathy Sturdevant regarding a request that will be made by the board of the Sturdevant house for funds

from Preservation Iowa. This email mentions the request the commission is asking for from Preservation Iowa. Payne stated that the commission could send a letter requesting the \$3,000 (\$1,000 per district) and send a letter of support for the donation of a fair percentage of the salvage profits to be donated to the Sturdevant house renovation. Payne made a motion that this be done from the commission to Preservation Iowa. This motion was seconded by Hundley. Discussion: none Yes: all /No: none

Olson asked Don Meyer if he would like an explanation of the reasoning behind the commission's support of the restoration of the Sturdevant home. Mary Meyer then explained the history of the house and the reasons for its' future development of the property into a museum. The commission has recognized the house as a locally historic home by placing it on the local Waverly Historic Register.

Council Report: Olson stated that the major issue before the council is the Sidewalk Project. The costs involved for homeowners for repair and replacement is under discussion. A report/proposal will be given Monday night at the City Council meeting.

Staff Report: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson stated that a press release was in the local newspaper regarding the Historic Preservation Awards. Discussion of submission will be in September meeting.

Sarah Meyer-Reyerson stated that one house is being moved from the second group of buyout homes.

Meyer-Reyerson stated that there is a training requirement by the CLG that must be done by commissioners and city liaisons. So it is important to keep track of all training attended by commissioners and city liaisons.

Marlys Svendsen would like the commission to set up a meeting for her to meet with volunteers to do research on homes. Lehmann suggested that we put word out before the meeting to gather potential volunteers.

Chairperson report: Lehmann and Don Meyer went to the local land use meeting that occurred Wednesday July 3, 2011. Lehmann and Don Meyer gave input regarding the need to consider the Historic Districts in the plans.

Mary Meyer mentioned a silo on city property where a building will one day be built. It should be determined if it has potential historic value.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25th, 2011 in the Conference Room of the Waverly Public Library at 6:00 p.m.