

Historic Preservation Meeting held at the Waverly Public Library on January 26th, 2012

Meeting called to order 6:03 p.m. by Chairperson Lehmann

Commissioners present: Mary Meyer, Tom Hicks, Erika Lindgren, Karen Lehmann, Jim Hundley, Don Meyer

Commissioner absent: Kate Payne

Council Present: Kathy Olson

Staff Liaisons present: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson and Beth Paulsen

Visitor: Marlys Svendsen

Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Hicks, seconded by Lindgren, and the motion carried.

Regular Business:

1. The Commission discussed approval of mitigation from the state of Iowa for the loss of historic homes to be taken down in second round of flood buyouts. A grant application will need to be submitted. The commission discussed the options for a study of SW neighborhood as a potential district or a study of individual homes in the SW neighborhood with potential to be added to the National Register of Historic Homes. Sarah Meyer-Reyerson referred the commissioners to a list of ideas sent to the commission previously regarding project ideas previously discussed for the FEMA buyout process. Commissioners then discussed the ideas. A motion was made by Lindgren to request grant funding for a reconnaissance survey of the SW district even though it would likely be a small district, but if there is not enough concentration of historic building for a district then the grant fund a minimum of 7 individual buildings be surveyed. The motion was seconded by Hicks. Discussion- none.
2. Progress Report on NW and SE Residential Districts – Marlys Svendsen reported that she submitted a status report to FEMA which was emailed to commissioners as well to show progress on the research. She explained the timeframe on the research that has occurred and what is ahead.
3. Progress Report on Downtown District – Sarah Meyer-Reyerson shared the following report from Jan Olive Full:

The West side of the river is complete, and there will be *no NRHP district nomination*. There will however be individual buildings that may be nominated:

- Jimmy's Station -- Jan is working to make this eligible by making it representative of how the west side slowly converted to recognize the automobile
- Geneva's -- represents a remnant of a prior generation of buildings; very intact.
- Rock Island Depot -- a very special depot in the state of Iowa; experimental building structure for the time -- related to interior walls.
- [Bremer County Historical Society Museum -- already on the National Register]

For the East side of downtown, all of the site forms are complete.

4. Lehmann presented the opportunity for the Commission to host an upcoming conference in 2013 & 2014 for the Revitalize Iowa Conference. Commissioners would like to consider hosting just the 2014 Conference (August). Lehmann will reply via email to the organization. A motion made to reply with interest in the 2014 conference by Hicks, and was seconded by Lindgren. The motion carried.

Council Report- Olson: Budget meetings begin for council.

Staff Report – Sarah Meyer-Reyerson will check with the city regarding the HPC budget for the next year requesting the budget remain the same in order to continue placing markers in the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 .p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Waverly Public Library.

