

Historic Preservation Commission meeting held at the Waverly Public Library on February 23rd, 2012

Meeting called to order 6:10 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Hundley

Commissioners present: Mary Meyer, Tom Hicks, Erika Lindgren, Jim Hundley, and Kate Payne

Commissioner absent: Karen Lehmann, Don Meyer

Council Present: Kathy Olson

Staff Liaisons present: Beth Paulsen

Hundley called to order at 6:10

Approval of minutes: Payne made the motion to approve, Lindgren seconded, and the motion carried.

Regular Business:

1. Progress Report on the Historic Surveys of NW and SE Residential Districts – Svendsen has submitted a request for payment.
2. Progress Report on the Historic Survey of Downtown – Jan Olive Full has completed a survey of the West end of the Bremer Avenue business area. The commission has received copies of this survey. This side of the street does not qualify for a historic district but a few properties may qualify for individual properties for the National Register.
3. Proposal to host the 2014 Revitalize Iowa Conference – tabled due to absence of Lehmann

Council Report: Olson stated there are road construction projects being discussed by council, as well as Waste water treatment center projects underway.

Staff Report: Paulsen stated that Sarah Meyer-Reyerson is preparing the annual report for the Historic Preservation Commission. Paulsen stated as a reminder that the officers were elected June 23, 2011 and would likely be in June of 2012 for new officers.

Lindgren stated some of the things being discussed by Waverly Community Garden committee as they make plans for empty lots due to home demolition throughout Waverly such as community gardens, fruit trees, etc. Informative meetings are planned for the community in the near future at the Waverly Public Library.

Hundley stated that historic preservation month is coming in May and asked for ideas for that month. Some of the suggestions were: Plaques for Historic Preservation awards (that could be mounted on a home), more signage for significant historic places in the community, reinstating the Historic Preservation Award program previously put on hold, a sign noting the Fortner hotel. Payne will see if she has the drawing layout for a sign previously discussed and will see if it included a history of the location. Other spots to recognize would be the R.R. depots, and the sugar beet factory. Meyer volunteered to research the Fortner Hotel history. Tom will work researching the R.R. depot histories.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting is schedule for 6 p.m. on March 22nd, 2012