

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting held on the Waverly Public Library on March 22, 2012

Called to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

Commissioner absent: Kate Payne

Council present: Kathy Olson

Staff present: Beth Paulsen

Visitor: Emily Neuendorf – Executive Director of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce

Approval of minutes: Motion was made to approve as amended by Lindgren; motion was second by Hicks. The motion carried.

Regular Business:

1. Progress Report: Historic Surveys of NW and SE Residential Districts – no update at this time.
2. Progress Report : Historic Survey of Downtown – no update at this time.
3. Progress Report: State buyout Mitigation/ Potential Survey of SW Waverly – no update at this time.
4. Annual Report is almost done.
5. Discussion of proposal to host 2013-2014 Revitalize Iowa Conference:
Lehmann shared that there is new information that Waterloo may request the opportunity to host the conference as a Cedar Valley area conference that includes Waverly in 2013 or 2014. Commissioners discussed whether or not to further pursue hosting the conference here in Waverly exclusively. Commissioner Don Meyer made motion to support Waterloo in hosting a Cedar Valley conference. Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried. Lindgren made motion to send letter of support from the commission to be included in the application packet submitted by Waterloo as well as encourage the mayor's office send a letter of support. The motion was seconded by Don Meyer. Karen will write letter from the commission. Emily will contact Waterloo with any questions from the commission.
6. Attendance at Preservation Conference in Decorah on April 27 & 28: Lindgren, Lehmann, Mary Meyer, and Kate Payne are interested in attending the conference.
7. HPC preservation of goals/opportunities at the City Council meeting in April: The date for the presentation has yet to be determined. Lehmann presented commissioners with the mayor's request for a presentation of the goals of the commission at an upcoming city council meeting. Lehmann suggested that commissioners send ideas to Lehmann via email in order to pull together her presentation.
8. National Historic Preservation Month in May: Mary Meyer offered to research a potential story for the newspaper about a ghost at the hotel or ghost stories of Waverly. Hundley suggested kicking off (reinstating) the Historic Preservation award process. A suggestion was made to have a story in the newspaper about the "Dairy spot of Iowa" arch, previously over the Bremer Ave Bridge. Don Meyer and Lehmann offered to approach the newspaper about doing an article. Lehmann suggested a sub-committee meet to nail down the ideas for the Preservation month; Lindgren, Mary Meyer, and Jim Hundley volunteered to form the sub-committee.

Council Report: Olson reported that the council and the city are kicking off many new projects for the summer.

Staff Report: Paulsen stated she is actively researching information for Marlys Svendsen regarding historic districts.

Chairperson's Report: Lehmann stated that she needs ideas for her report in April to council.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for April 26th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Waverly Public Library.