

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, December 4, 2014, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Deborah Ackerson, Jim Hundley, Tom Hicks, Karen Lehmann, Pete Newell, Don Meyer and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: None

Council present: None

City liaison: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 30, 2014, meeting were approved.

Regular Business

1. ***Revision to Chapter 49 of the City Ordinances regarding the Historic Preservation Commission***

The revisions to Chapter 49 were passed by the City Council on November 3, 2014.

2. ***Progress Report on the SW Historic District Survey***

No report was received from Marlys Svendsen.

3. ***Signage for the Waverly Municipal Hydroelectric Powerhouse***

Don Meyer reported that the plaque will be installed on the southeast corner of the powerhouse facing south and that the invoice has been paid.

4. ***Signage for the historic districts***

The signage subcommittee will discuss with Brian Sullivan the placement of three or four entrance signs and twelve street marker blades in the Old Fourth Ward Historic District. After approval has been received from the City, Lehmann will e-mail photos of signage samples to the commissioners for discussion at the next HPC meeting in January 2015. The estimate for the cost is \$500-\$600. The budget for signage will also be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. ***Preservation of the carriage step near 4th St and 2nd Ave SW***

Hicks reported that a historic stone carriage step may need to be removed during the proposed widening of 4th St SW. Newell will contact Mike Cherry to determine if the stone would be destroyed by the street project. If so, he will investigate the possibility of moving it to another location. It is unclear if the stone falls within the proposed Sturdevant Historic District.

6. ***Waverly Kiwanis Club presentation***

Meyer-Reyerson has been asked to speak to the Waverly Kiwanis Club on December 8, 2014, about the formation of Waverly's historic districts, emphasizing FEMA's role in funding the surveys, and also the benefits of historic districts such as tax incentives and property price stabilization. Don Meyer will assist with the presentation.

Council Report

No council report.

Staff Report

Meyer-Reyerson will present the HPC budget request for \$6,000 for fiscal year 2015-16 to the City.

Chairperson's Report

No chairperson's report.

The next meeting will be held on ***Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 6:00 pm*** at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary