

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, April 23, 2015, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

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

Commissioners absent: None

Council present: None

City liaisons present: Jillian Rutledge, Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 26, 2015, meeting were approved with one correction.

Regular Business

1. **Events for Historic Preservation Month in May 2015**

Last year's Proclamation will be updated; a request will be made to add the reading of it by the Mayor to the City Council agenda for Monday, May 4, 2015.

Mary Meyer distributed draft copies of the first of two walking tour brochures for proofreading by the commissioners.

Don Meyer reported that he had received paper plates, napkins, etc., as a donation from Walgreen's for the celebration of the Harmon & LeValley NW Historic District on Saturday, May 30 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Other sponsors who have been enlisted to help are Deke's Shoe Repair and Fareway. Strotman Building Center has offered their location as the headquarters for the walking tours and the program of speakers, to be followed by refreshments.

2. **Signage for the historic districts**

Brian Sullivan has advised the Commission that City workers will install the historic district street sign toppers as it fits their schedule and with the approval of the City Council. The design for the signs will be presented at the City Council meeting on May 5. Phil Jones confirmed that the HPC will be allowed to carry forward any unused funds from this fiscal year's budget.

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

No report.

4. **The future of the Green Bridge**

The City Council has approved the funding for a second study to determine the feasibility of repairing the Green Bridge. Meyer-Reyerson will e-mail further details to the commissioners.

5. **The carriage step on 4th St SW**

Hundley reported that Marlys Svendsen had examined the step and requested measurements. He has decided to move the step himself to another part of the property and will attempt to restore it.

6. **Nomination of the Farmer's Exchange Building to Waverly's Historic Register**

The Commission will proceed with the nomination of the building. Hundley will gather the historical data.

A discussion followed about all of the historical material that is missing from the City's new website; Jillian Rutledge will determine what has happened to it and report back. Also, the powerhouse is now listed on Waverly's Historic Register. The Commission is considering ways to recognize historic buildings that no longer exist, like the Fortner House hotel. Mary Meyer reported that Glenn Fenneman would like to nominate his house for a preservation award but would need the help of the Commission in preparing the nomination.

Council Report

No report.

Staff Report

Meyer-Reyerson noted that the official certificates for Waverly's historic districts have been framed and will be displayed permanently in the City Council chambers.

Chairperson's Report and Discussion

Hundley sent a letter to the Mayor regarding the lack of representation the Commission receives at City Council meetings because the council liaison does not attend HPC meetings. He also reported that the Iowa City salvage company that wants to recover material from the house at 210 6th St NW would be unable to do so before April 25, 2015; they will do the work if the house has not been demolished by that date. Hundley advised that Zach Brunkhorst would like to create signs for the Sturdevant house as an Eagle Scout project, and requests that his presentation about the signs be added to the agenda for May's HPC meeting.

Reminder: the Mason City Public Library will present a program on May 2, 2015, about researching the history of a house.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 6:00 pm** at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary