

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, May 26, 2016, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Kris Brunkhorst, Tom Hicks, Karen Lehmann, Deborah Ackerson, Don Meyer and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Pete Newell

Council present: None

City liaison present: None

Visitors present: None

Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 28, 2016, meeting were approved.

Regular Business

1. ***Progress report on the Sturdevant SW Historic District***

The Sturdevant SW Historic District nomination has not been approved, but Meyer-Reyerson provided a website address for the National Register of Historic Places where the status may be checked.

2. ***Signage for the historic districts***

James Bronner, Waverly City Manager, was going to follow up with the installation of the signs but no response was received. He would like to attend a future meeting. Don Meyer will invite him to the June 30, 2016, meeting and will also invite Tab Ray.

3. ***Role of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the Green Bridge***

Mike Cherry authorized Meyer-Reyerson to work with Marlys Svendsen on the full historic study and National Register nomination of the Green Bridge; funding will come from the bridge project budget. The first phase will be the National Register eligibility study (required because the rehabilitation process involves the waterway); the cost will be approximately \$4,000. After the eligibility study is finished, the National Register nomination will be prepared.

Meyer-Reyerson also reported that the Council received an updated estimate of the cost of repairing the bridge. The estimate is \$700,000 higher because the piers and the north abutment have significantly more deterioration than previously believed. A discussion of the bridge repair has been added to the Council agenda for the June 6, 2016, meeting.

4. ***Plaque for the Farmers' Exchange Building***

There was no update on the plaque.

5. ***Renovation resources on the HPC website***

There was no update on the website.

6. ***Planning the celebration of the Downtown Historic District***

The date of the celebration will be Saturday, July 16, 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, with a short program at 3:00 pm. Events will include a walking tour of downtown buildings and refreshments. Additional details will be determined later by the planning committee.

A proposal was made to use the funds received by the HPC from the upper-story tour of the downtown apartments to publicize the celebration. Topics for a newspaper insert might include the introduction of the Sturdevant SW Historic District, the Downtown Historic District celebration, a

possible photo scanning event at the Library, Waverly's Historic Preservation awards, and the history of the Farmers' Exchange building.

7. ***Continuing education opportunities for Historic Preservation Commissioners***

No new opportunities were presented.

8. ***Waverly Historic Preservation Awards***

Don Meyer reported that Glenn and Gail Fenneman would like to apply for an award. Mary Meyer will provide historical material and Don Meyer will help them complete the nomination form.

Council Report

No report.

Staff Report

No report.

Chairperson's Report

No report.

The next meeting will be held on ***Thursday, June 30, 2016***, at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary