

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, July 28, 2016, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Kris Brunkhorst, Deborah Ackerson, Don Meyer, Karen Lehmann, Glenn Fenneman and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Pete Newell

Council present: None

City liaison present: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: James Bronner, Tom Hicks

Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 30, 2016, meeting were approved with two corrections.

Commission Members

The Commission welcomed Glenn Fenneman as its newest member and thanked retiring Commissioner Tom Hicks for his many years of service.

Visitor Comments

City Manager James Bronner discussed several City projects that are of interest to the HPC:

Some of the historic district signage has now been installed. The street department has expressed concern about whether the length of the street sign toppers would make them difficult to install and vulnerable to high winds. Only a few of the toppers will be installed as a test.

Since the inflatable dam and the Dry Run Creek improvement project will remove many properties from the 100-year flood plain, the City would like to reclaim about 30 lots that were part of the FEMA buyout after the 2008 flood. The hope is that new homes could be built on those lots, in styles that would be compatible with existing houses, to enhance the older neighborhoods that have lost so many homes. The City is discussing the project with Sen. Joni Ernst, but no details are available about the process for reacquiring the lots or about the regulations for the building process.

Future construction projects, including the reconstruction of Bremer Avenue, the renovation of the Green Bridge, and improvements to 20th St NW and Cedar Lane, were also discussed.

Regular Business

1. *Election of Officers and possible change of the meeting night*

Don Meyer and Lehmann have agreed to continue as president and vice president; Mary Meyer will resign as secretary. Brunkhorst has a conflict with HPC meetings on Thursdays so Lehmann will conduct a poll to determine if another night might work for all of the Commissioners. Officers will be elected at the August 2016 meeting.

2. *Signage for the historic districts*

See Visitor Comments. Meyer-Reyerson will provide a map of the Sturdevant Historic District to Lehmann who will determine the placement and number of signs to order for that district.

3. *Site inventory for the Green Bridge*

Marlys Svendsen has completed the first draft of the site inventory. Meyer-Reyerson will provide electronic copies to the commissioners. It was suggested that the HPC should recognize Svendsen with an award when her work has been completed.

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

Meyer-Reyerson has ordered a draft of the plaque. Tab Ray will conduct a tour of the building before the August 2016 HPC meeting.

5. ***The future of the HPC website***

The website has not been updated. The HPC will need to consider how to handle the website and our files when a new liaison to the City is appointed to replace Meyer-Reyerson.

6. ***Continuing Education opportunities***

The 2016 Preserve Iowa Summit will be held in Davenport September 15-17. Don Meyer will be speaking about downtown architecture at the Iowa Downtown Conference, to be held in Mason City August 2-4.

Council Report

No report.

Staff Report

No report.

Chairperson's Report

Don Meyer thanked the Commissioners for helping with the Downtown Historic District celebration and announced that Lori Nelson was the winner of the contest to identify architectural details from downtown Waverly buildings.

The next meeting will be held on ***Thursday, August 25, 2016***, at South Riverside Park.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary