

## **Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes, September 25, 2017**

The Waverly Historic Preservation Commission met on Monday, September 25, at 5:15 pm at the Waverly Civic Center Conference Room.

Members Present: Glenn Fenneman, Linda Hovden, Karen Lehmann, Don Meyer, Mary Meyer.

Members Absent: Kris Brunkhorst, Peter Newell.

Also in attendance: City Liaison Bill Werger. Unable to attend: Council Liaison Dan Lampe.

The agenda was moved by Fenneman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Meyer. Unanimous.

Approval of August 2017 minutes was moved by Lehmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hovden. Unanimous.

No public comments. Guest: Tom Hicks.

### **Regular Business:**

1. Green Bridge:
  - Marlys Svendsen submitted the completed nomination to the Commission. It is available on the website.
  - It will be submitted to Iowa's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) this fall, with subsequent submission to the National Park Service for final approval.
  - The Commission does not have a "position" on what happens regarding a new bridge. While there was a past vote to preserve the original bridge if possible, once that did not seem to be economically feasible, commissioners noted that they would like to have some part of the bridge used in a park or as a memorial.
  - Bill Werger will report on the Commission's behalf that while there is not a formal position (as erroneously reported at a recent council meeting), that commissioners are open to giving input regarding how to preserve "something" for historic posterity.
2. Bremer County Historical Society Museum:
  - In a follow-up to the August discussion with Rod Drenkow about the future of the museum building, D. Meyer talked to Paula Mohr at SHPO about possible grant opportunities.
  - Meyer also met with museum board members to discuss moving forward on grants.
  - While a preliminary study about the building is available, procuring grants might provide a more detailed plan and costs regarding the future of the museum.
3. Grant proposal submitted:
  - D. Meyer submitted a grant proposal for \$800 for registration and lodging for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Forum to be held in Des Moines, July 18-22, 2018. The application included an endorsement letter from Waverly's mayor.
4. Waverly Preservation Signage:
  - Lehmann will check with Brian Sullivan to learn what signage installation remains to be completed.
5. City Council Presentation:
  - D. Meyer presented at the August 28, 2017, City Council meeting. Also in attendance were Lehmann and Hovden.

- It was noted that citizens enjoy seeing the historic preservation signs in the designated districts and the Commission was thanked for their hard work on preservation issues.
6. Other Business:
- Paige Yoder will soon start maternity leave, so emails regarding preservation business or updates to the website should be sent to Valorie Northrup ([valorien@ci.waverly.ia.us](mailto:valorien@ci.waverly.ia.us)) and copied to Werger.
  - The WHP website is now updated to include the mission of the Commission on the opening page, rather than just the list of commissioners.

**Reports:**

- Council Report—Dan Lampe is not running for re-election, so a new council liaison will be forthcoming.
- Chairperson's Report—D. Meyer has been invited by Tab Ray to participate in planning meetings re South Riverside development. The city has accepted a bid from an architectural firm to update planning for this area, which includes the Farmer's Exchange building. Also, Paula Mohr sent a link to Meyer about how high school students are helping with preservation projects in Lisbon, Iowa, as an idea for other towns to consider.
- Staff Report—Werger described ongoing Bremer Avenue road construction and how potential disruption of old buildings is being monitored. He noted that discussions about downtown facades are planned, which might entail input from the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2017, at 5:15 pm at the Waverly Civic Center.

Submitted by Karen Lehmann, Acting Secretary