

Minutes for Waverly Historic Preservation Commission, Monday, November 27, at 6:15 pm at the Waverly Civic Center, in the Conference Room.

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Linda Hovden, Kris Brunkhorst, Glenn Fenneman, Karen Lehmann, Don Meyer, Mary Meyer. Commissioners absent: Peter Newell. Visitor: Tom Hicks.

Approval of the October 2017 Minutes was made with the addition of a “Thank You” to Council Liaison Dan Lampe.

Regular Business:

Bremer County Historical Society Museum—Don: The museum board has not made a decision about moving to a new location or staying in their building and rehabilitating it, both expensive options. No grants can be researched or applied for until the decision is made.

Grant proposal for registration/lodging costs for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum in Des Moines in 2018—Don received confirmation that his grant application is being processed. He will inquire about the status of it. Update: Grant received, notification early December.

Update on missing signs in historic districts—Karen has asked Darci to please check with Brian about this and report back. Bill will also request the information. Brian’s count to Bill Werger is this:

- 4-Blue Historical
- 2-Old 4th Ward
- 3-Harmon LeValley
- 15-Sturdevant

The large number of Sturdevant signs is due to we still have to put some up but they are in areas off of W Bremer and 4th St SW that didn’t have posts in the exact spot so trying to figure out ways to get them posted without adding more posts. If we can’t come up with something staff will put in new posts this spring and get them up. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sketches and plans for the development of South Riverside Park were presented to council—Don attended the meeting and reported that council had very few questions. Bill surmised that the council would have more questions when they have studied the proposal in depth. Tab is also collecting feedback and comments about the project for future budget and strategic planning meetings.

Next steps in pursuing possible NE historic district nomination—Andy Bell gave Don the name of Maggie Jones (a Waverly native) at Wapsie Valley Archeology in Anamosa. Don will contact her about a possible “drive by” of the NE quadrant of Waverly to give us an opinion about whether there are enough historic homes to pursue a nomination for another historic district.

Concrete Block Homes in Waverly (photos)—Mary has photographed the homes in Waverly that were made of locally manufactured concrete blocks, and will compile a list for January’s HPC meeting.

“Finding Your Preservation Story” for K-12 students and teachers—Don has asked Kris Meyer, the Principal/Admin. of St. Paul’s School, if they would be interested in this curriculum, and she thought yes. Karen

will confer with Don about taking the proposal to the WSR Curriculum Director, Bridgette Wagoner, for their consideration.

Reports:

Council Report—Dan Lampe—Not present.

Chairperson's Report—Don Meyer—Sent emails to Congressman Rod Blum, Senator Joni Ernst and Senator Chuck Grassley about restoring the Historic Tax Credit to the federal tax code. In the Senate it was restored back to 20%, but not sure what the House will do. Don heard back from all but Senator Grassley.

Staff Report—Bill Werger—Reported that Bremer Ave. and the side streets will be reopening soon. Commissioners asked Bill to please review our budget with Paige and advise us of the funds available. Hotel/Motel tax is typically a part of our budget, but we are unsure of how we get that, if we need to ask council, etc. Karen asked if there would be a city strategic planning meeting where we could present our budget needs and update the council on our projects. Bill will let us know and he will note that we are interested in attending such a meeting. Mary found from old minutes (text below) about funding source from budget for *Historic Preservation Commission (Historic Preservation Commission)*

Thursday, December 17th, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

2. HPC Budget request for 2010-2011

Meyer-Reyerson shared where HPC falls in the city budget and posed the question of whether to leave the budget request the same again for the next year. Payne suggested budget request remain the same and all were in agreement -- \$500 from the Health & Social Services budget (Waverly Historic Registry Plaques) and \$6,000 from the Hotel Motel Tax Fund (Significant Historic Places Markers).

Kris discussed her recent attendance at the annual Silos and Smokestacks Historical Awards Dinner in Decorah. She sat with the director of The Guernsey Foundation (funded and administered by an area family) and found it has given many grants to Waverly projects, something to keep in mind if anyone needs a preservation or improvement grant.

Adjournment:

The next meeting is scheduled for **January 22, 2018 at 5:15 pm** at Waverly Civic Center. **(The fourth Monday in December is the 25th—no meeting is scheduled.)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. Respectfully submitted by Kris Brunkhorst.