

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Monday, August 27, 2018, meeting was called to order at 5:15pm at the Waverly Civic Center.

Commissioners present: Linda Hovden, Karen Lehmann, Don Meyer, Mary Meyer and Pete Newell

Commissioners absent: Kris Brunkhorst and Glenn Fenneman

Council present: Brian Birgen

City liaison present: Bill Werger

Visitors present: Andy Bell and Tom Hicks

Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 23, 2018, meeting were approved.

Visitor Comments

Andy Bell and Bill Werger have discussed preserving the historic railroad depot at W. Bremer Ave. and 1st St SW with the current owner who is selling the property. They have presented information about the building's unique construction and stressed the possibility of tax credits for rehabilitating the building. The Commission would like to preserve this Waverly landmark, but recognizes that it is private property, and therefore agreed to adopt the following position:

The Historic Preservation Commission communicated its interest in preserving this building. The HPC respects the right of a property owner to dispose of their property in the manner they see fit.

Discussion followed about how to respond to similar situations in the future.

Regular Business

1. ***Budget request for a drive-by survey of NE Waverly***

A written request will be submitted to the City Council for funds to initiate a drive-by survey to determine the feasibility of an historic district in northeast Waverly. A list of eligible houses in this area was compiled in 1998; the list will be sent to the architect who will be conducting the new survey.

2. ***Application for assistance from Wartburg's PR Marketing Class***

Don Meyer will forward Brunkhorst's proposal to the marketing class so that the commissioners can review it for discussion at the next meeting.

3. ***Survey of concrete block houses in Waverly***

Mary Meyer reported that research is continuing on the history of the houses. Newell suggested a calendar as a possible project to showcase this interesting collection of houses.

4. ***Nomination of the Hoins house for a Waverly Historic Preservation Award***

Mary Meyer will forward the nomination form and historical information to the commissioners for review at the September meeting.

5. ***Update of the HPC website***

Lehmann and Paige Yoder continue to organize the information and post it to the website. Lehmann will also coordinate the printing of posters that honor the latest homes to receive Waverly Historic Preservation Awards. Werger will determine where the posters and other materials can be stored. Lehmann reported that the Waverly Public Library is exploring a statewide site that might display digitizations of some of our historic information.

6. ***Celebration of the award from the National Alliance for Preservation Commissions***

Lehmann suggested that a reception might be held to celebrate the Commission Excellence Award that was presented to the Waverly HPC at the national conference in Des Moines in July. She will compile a list of all of the former members of this commission and we will plan the celebration at the September meeting.

Council Report

Birgen reported that the sewer that collapsed in northeast Waverly will be replaced.

Staff Report

See Visitor Comments.

Chairperson's Report

No report.

The next meeting will be held on ***Monday, September 24, 2018***, at ***5:15*** pm at the Waverly Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Acting Secretary

Note:

September minutes will be taken by Fenneman.

Thereafter, minutes will be taken in the following order: Brunkhorst, Lehmann, Hovden, Newell, M. Meyer