

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES, April 23, 2018

The Waverly Historic Preservation Commission met on Monday, April, 2018, at 5:15 pm at the Waverly Civic Center.

Members present: Karen Lehmann, Kris Brunkhorst, Linda Hovden, Glenn Fenneman and Peter Newell. Also present were Tom Hicks and City Liaison Bill Werger and Councilman Brian Birgen. Don Meyer, Chair was absent -Lehmann filling in as Chair for the meeting and Mary Meyer absent.

The meeting was called to order by Temp. Chairperson Lehmann. The agenda was adopted (Moved by Peter Newell, second by Linda Hovden) Two additions were added to the agenda and approved. 1. Waverly Public Library and data on a hard drive for backup 2. HP month ideas for May. The corrected March 2018 minutes were approved. (Glenn Fenneman moved, second by Linda Hovden)

We made a tentative list of the order for those taking minutes. Kris Brunkhorst April, Karen, Linda, Glenn, Mary, and Pete.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. 2018 NACP Preservation Excellence Awards. No word yet.
2. Registration for NACP Forum in Des Moines now open. We wrote and received a grant to cover costs of two registrations and if we were to win the NACP Award, part of the “prize” is 1 registration. Allowing us to have three. Those interested: Don, Karen, Pete, Linda, Glenn, maybe Mary. Kris is not available on that date.
3. Waverly Historic Book idea. Kris Brunkhorst discussed approaching Wartburg’s PR Marketing Class about adopting this as a project. She will send the application to members and we can fill out at the next meeting. Nonprofit organizations may apply to be considered by this group. We could have them gather the info, maybe layout or mock up the book, PR, etc. Many decisions would have to be made regarding the quality and scope of any proposed book. The Commission is exploring a suggestion made by Mayor Soash for a book about Waverly’s architectural heritage.
4. Concrete Block Homes in Waverly (Photos). Mary Meyer was unable to attend this meeting. This item will be discussed at the next Commission meeting. TABLED
5. Other
The Commission will make a presentation at tonight’s City Council meeting. Brian Birgen reported last time with regret that the City Council approved a contract to fill the crypt at the Harlington cemetery with concrete. The crypt was in danger of collapsing. Kris had contacted Tab about interior pictures and he has many if needed. So interior historical pictures are available.

New Business: A discussion was had regarding updates to the web site. Karen and Paige still working on the information to put on and some is missing. Historic Preservation Awards to individuals and their properties is not up to date from 2013 to present nor are all the national historic Registry Accepted properties/entities listed.

Kris, Mary, and Sarah Meyer-Reyerson are working on finding that information. Still looking at links that people could click on for more information to free up space on city's website server, links to park service, etc. Or per Bill's suggestion have an index or list of items that are on our backup drive that they could request via email and Paige could reply. 1. Waverly Public Library and data on a hard drive for backup and paper copies. Discussion on where to store it ensued. No decision made. Karen has it for now. Sarah will look into the Iowa Heritage Digital Archives to see if we could use that to piggy back our information on. Karen and Linda will contact Jan Olive Nash Full at Tall Grass to know what she gave us to see if that information is on the site or missing.

2. HP month ideas for May. Mary had a suggestion that Pete, Linda, and Kris will look into. The WPL has unidentified pictures of people/buildings and we could run one a week and have people contact the library or Kris If they know the people/location in the picture. *Mary states: Many of the people are probably builders/residents of the homes in our historic districts. We could do a series of newspaper articles that would highlight several photos each week and ask the public to help with the identification. It would also be a good opportunity to promote our efforts to develop the historic district in NE Waverly and to highlight our previous efforts.* These could also be put on the city's FB page per Bill.

We would also run the nomination process story for people who have historic properties that would like to be nominated, like articles we've run before. Don or Karen will do this.

Karen mentioned the mayoral proclamation for Historic Pres. Month, and gave the info to Bill Werger to present to the Mayor for introducing and reading at May's council meeting. Don mentioned at our last meeting, the article in the Courier about the Waterloo Schools HP project with school kids, having them identify and draw pictures of historic places around their city.

Reports:

Council Report-Brian Birgen-Crypt vote to fill in passed, but with heavy hearts of the council. Tab does have historical photos of the interior.

Chairperson's: Don Meyer (absent)

Staff Report: Bill Werger said that the property may be for sale and may be razed where the old Rock Island Depot (1902) was and is now the Laundry Depot, next to the burned out Classic Cleaners building. The Commission was sad to hear this and issued a statement: "The commission is interested in preserving the historic record of this building, and are looking into signage, a plaque or the railroad "rock/boulder" behind the building to stay at the site or near it, to commemorate the historic structure." This depot is written about in many Waverly historical documents and walking tours. Commission discussed taking a modern day photo also.

Palace Theater Update: A community/developer meeting also took place about the now closed Waverly Palace Theater. Economic Development and the owner are looking for a developer to come forward with ideas and/or investment plans.

ADJOURNMENT: Committee adjourned at 6:07p.m. Next meeting due to Memorial Day will be Monday, June 4, 2018 at the Waverly Civic Center. Respectfully submitted by Kris Brunkhorst, amended June 2018