

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES, March 25, 2019

The Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 5:15 pm at the Waverly Civic Center.

Members present: Karen Lehmann, Don Meyer, Kris Brunkhorst, Linda Hovden, Glenn Fenneman, Mary Meyer and Peter Newell. Also present was City Liaison Bill Werger and Council Liaison Brian Birgen. There were no visitors present.

The meeting was called to order by Don Meyer. The agenda was adopted (Moved by Karen Lehmann, second by Mary Meyer) and the February 2019 minutes were approved (Moved by Linda Hovden, second by Karen Lehmann).

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. New Walking Tour brochure for Downtown Historic District: There was a discussion about preparing a brochure for the Downtown Historic District. The committee has brochures for all other districts. Karen Lehmann thought perhaps this project should be put on hold for next year. Don Meyer has his notes from when he conducted the tours.
2. Update on NE Quadrant Historic District: Don Meyer told us that we need to get a contract from Rebecca McCarley of SPARK Consulting.
3. Committee report on historic calendar for 2020: The committee will look to finish the calendar in the fall of 2019.
4. Update on map of Bird's eye view of Waverly: The commission received an update from Karen Lehmann on the progress toward the production of a poster that would be available for sale. Mary Meyer will work on a brief explanation of the map. We will be looking into cardboard tubes for storage/transportation/sale of the posters.
5. Reception/celebration for NAPC award with former commissioners: Discussion was had regarding the program to be held on May 11, 2019, at the Waverly Public Library. Andy Bell will do the forum followed by remarks given by Don Meyer. The commission discussed mailing invitations to prior commissioners and award winners as well as owners of the historic downtown buildings. Kris Brunkhorst will look into having her son film the event.
6. Printing more walking tour brochures: Don Meyer checked at Wartburg. We can obtain 100 copies of each of the 4 brochures (400 total copies) for a total of \$271. We may need to fold these upon receipt.
7. Other discussion: A discussion was held concerning how the city council discussion regarding the de-listing of the 3rd Street Bridge was portrayed in the Waverly Newspapers. HPC members expressed concern that city council members were reported as saying they had been misinformed about the financial consequences of listing the 3rd Street Bridge on the National Historic Registry.
Kris Brunkhorst looked at our commission's past minutes including August 28, 2017, where the commission indicated that the purpose of listing the bridge on the registry was to create a permanent record of the history of that structure.

Bill Werger advised the commission that no one was trying to blame the HPC. Councilperson Brian Birgen advised HPC members that the city council was more concerned about the information they were receiving from the Iowa State sources.

A discussion was held regarding the requirement of an historic review of the 3rd Street Bridge under state law if a decision were to be made to replace the structure.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019, at 5:15 pm at the Waverly Civic Center.

Glenn Fenneman will be taking the minutes at the April meeting.

Submitted by:

/s/ Peter Newell