

The Waverly Historic Preservation Commission (WHPC) met on **Monday, June 24, 2019**, at 5:15 pm at the Waverly Civic Center, in the Conference Room.

Members present: Glenn Fenneman, Linda Hovden, Karen Lehmann, Don Meyer, Mary Meyer, Peter Newell

Members absent: Kris Brunkhorst

Also Present: City Staff Liaison Bill Werger and City Council Liaison Brian Birgen

Visitors present: Tom Hicks, Garret Riordan, Larry Kurtz, Paula Stevenson

1. Call to order – Don Meyer called the meeting to order.
2. Adopt the Agenda – Motion by Peter Newell, seconded by Karen Lehmann to approve the agenda. The motion passed and the agenda was approved.
3. Approve April 2019 Minutes – These minutes were not available and will be approved at the July 22, 2019, WHPC meeting.
4. Receive Visitors/Public Comments – Visitors Tom Hicks, Garret Riordan, Larry Kurtz, Paula Stevenson were welcomed.

Regular Business:

5. Farmer’s Exchange Building Scale/Deck – Larry Kurtz, landscape architect with AHTS Architects, presented plans, historical documents, and designs pertaining to the restoration of the Farmer’s Exchange Building and the pit discovered outside of this existing scale building on the west side. After listening to Mr. Kurtz’s recommendations and explanations of the options, Peter Newell moved, Karen Lehmann seconded, and the Commission passed and approved the motion to recommend adopting the alternative of building a wood deck made of bridge timbers over the pit to preserve the historical character of the building. This option would leave the pit open with a wood deck built over the top and drilling drainage holes on the bottom of the concrete structure. The wood decking is designed to hold 100#/Sq. Ft.; will be placed on the existing piers and footings; and will not hurt the integrity of the building. The relief valves, or drainage holes, will be drilled in the bottom of the hollow pit to allow for drainage. Garrett Riordan will locate the WHPC plaque so that it can be integrated into the final construction.

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10. Other – The Commission proceeded to Other Business and invited Paula Stevenson, Chair of the Design and Beautification Committee of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce, to address the WHPC. This committee is looking at different ways to beautify Waverly and ideas to renovate the area behind the Big Six. Information and pictures from Iowa Falls and other areas utilizing signs that incorporate various local historical sites were shared. Paula shared with the Commission Waverly sites of interest the committee has assembled thus far, which included, but not limited to: Ernie's, the old Sub City Building, the Star Clipper, the Engelbrecht house, the Exchange Building, the former hotel, South Riverside Park, the old depot, etc. The Design and Beautification Committee is looking for assistance in: 1) Receiving suggestions of additional locations that show the history of Waverly; 2) Picking locations; 3) Obtaining accurate information and pictures; 4) Applying for the CLG grant; 5) Help with fundraising and ideas. The WHPC shared their enthusiasm and support for this project. Paula will forward the complete listing of suggested sites to Don Meyer, and he will review for possible additions. Don Meyer will, also, review the guidelines for the CLG Grant and will forward those to Paula. Paula shared her email address to communicate suggestions and ideas with her: pksframer@aol.com.

6. Report on 2019 Preserve Iowa Summit in Newton: Don Meyer reported on his participation at the 2019 Preserve Iowa Summit in Newton on June 6, 2019. Sara Andre, Brennan Dolan, and our own Don Meyer were presenters for the breakout session "ABCs of 106 for CLGs." Don reported that the attendees were curious about this topic and the information presented was well received. Don shared with the Commission that he, again, received affirmation while at the Summit that the Section 106 Review is required anytime there is a removal of a bridge—being listed on the National Register of Historic Places does not trigger this review. Mary Meyer attended the event Friday and Thursday, June 7 and 8. She reported on her tours of the former Maytag Headquarters, now the Hotel Maytag Apartments and Event Center, and the Newton Downtown Walking Tour.

Don's expenses for the Newton 2019 Preserve Iowa Summit were covered since he was a presenter. It was suggested that Mary's expenses be considered for reimbursement. Bill Werger will check into this.

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a. Invitation to host Summit in 2023: The WHPC has been invited to apply to host the 2023 Summit. It was noted that this would be an extraordinarily big undertaking and the upcoming bridge project could prove to be a detriment to a successful event. It was, also, mentioned teaming with Cedar Falls for a Cedar Valley Summit as a future consideration. Karen Lehmann shared that the WHPC had in the past submitted an application to host this event but was not selected. The Commission is pleased to be considered as a possible site for the 2023 Summit and recognizes that being invited to apply to host the 2023 Summit is a nice compliment to the Commission and to the community.

7. Bird's Eye View of Waverly print – Various dates and events for setting up to distribute the 1868 Waverly poster maps were discussed. It was decided to set up during Heritage Days and at the Concert in Kohlmann on July 18. Volunteers are needed for these dates. Karen Lehmann will check with Travis Toliver at the Chamber to verify this is OK. After discussion on selling the posters versus requesting donations, the Commission agreed to offer the posters to the public with a donation of \$10 or more. They will be provided in a cardboard tube along with a history of the Bird's Eye View maps. If mailing is requested, it was agreed to add a \$5 charge. The signs, the newspaper articles, and the order forms will be updated to reflect this. Mary will follow-up with the paper.

8: Update on Preliminary Survey for Northeast Quadrant with Rebecca McCarley – The contract has been received. This will need to go before the Council, which could possibly be on the July 15 agenda.

9. Magazine article for *The Alliance Review*: Karen has done a fantastic job of starting to put this article together.

a. Due July 1 or extension if needed: Don Meyer will ask for an extension for submission of the article.

b. Photos and information needed: Karen put a “shout out” for assistance with pictures, ideas and suggestions to be included in the article.

10. Other – See above

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11. Reports –

Council Report – Brian Birgen: No Report

Staff Report – Bill Werger: Bill did report that the Section 106 review will be done for the green bridge as this is required anytime there is a removal of a bridge regardless of being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Hovden, Acting Secretary

Upcoming possible rotation of WHPC Acting Secretary: Brunkhorst, Lehmann, M. Meyer, Newell, Fenneman

Next meeting July 22, 2019, at 5:15 PM at the Waverly Civic Center