

Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2020

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission

The Waverly Historic Preservation Commission met virtually on Monday, August 24, 2020, at 5:30 pm using the Zoom platform.

Commissioners present: Chair Karen Lehmann, Vice Chair Kris Brunkhorst, Commissioners Glenn Fenneman, Mary Meyer, Mary Ventullo, Darius Robinson and Don Meyer
City Council Liaison present: Brian Birgen
City Staff Representative present: Isaac Pezley

1. **Call to order**—Chair Karen Lehmann called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. **Adopt the Agenda**—Moved by Don Meyer, seconded by Glenn Fenneman to approve the proposed agenda. Motion passed.
3. **Approve July 27, 2020 minutes**—Moved by Don Meyer, seconded by Kris Brunkhorst to approve the July 27, 2020 minutes. Motion passed.
4. **Receive Visitors/Public Comments**—Garret Riordan was welcomed as a visitor. He is Leisure Services Director for the City of Waverly.

Regular Business

1. **Boost Co. follow-up actions**—Kris has received no feedback on the logo graphics she had provided us. Karen showed us the logo used on our current historic district signs and found out we, as a Commission, own it. There was consensus among the group to proceed with that logo. The City logo includes a “swoosh” so we asked Isaac to check with the City logo to find out if we need to add it to our logo. Don reported that in his conversations with two restaurant owners in the community—East Bremer Diner and Water Street Grille—they would be willing to place table tents on their tables, as long as they could be easily cleaned. They would likely display them for a month or so. Mary Meyer, Glenn and Darius volunteered to form a committee that will research the design and content of the table tents and come back to us with a recommendation.
2. **Email account**—Paula Mohr from the SHPO office suggested that we explore setting up a dedicated email account for the Commission that would not go through the City. Isaac will investigate.
3. **Waverly Presentation Awards**—Crosspoint Church was notified they are receiving the Waverly Historic Register award. Karen will write an article for the local newspaper and also put it on our website. Two other awards are in process. Mary Meyer will send one of the property owners additional historical information about their house to help them along. Discussion was also held on how to pay for the bronze plaques that have accompanied the Waverly Historic Register award. More discussion and investigation will follow.

4. **Consideration of additional potential preservation projects**—We received a letter from Brennan Dolan at the Iowa DOT regarding the upcoming Bremer Avenue bridge replacement. The letter asked if we have any concern about potential harm to any historical properties that abut the bridge, and if we would like to be represented on a Section 106 review committee. Karen had visited with Brennan and expressed our desire to have the HPC represented in the review. Karen also visited with Brennan regarding the memorial for the Green Bridge and the request to save one of the spans. The City has determined the \$55,000 cost to do so is prohibitive and approved a much lower cost of \$7,000. Brennan mentioned that he has heard of earlier legislation that allows funding for demolition that we may want to pursue. Brian Birgen, our City Council liaison said that options for funding the demolition were not discussed when the decision was made to reduce the cost of memorializing the bridge. Don agreed to talk further with Brennan about those possibilities as he has worked with Brennan before on other projects. Also, Garrett will forward us ideas and drawings he has received from community members for creating a memorial for the bridge. Brian had indicated that demolition would likely occur in the fall of 2021 so we have time to develop a proposal for memorialization.

Isaac informed us that the Bremer County Historical Society reached out to the City with a formal request to move the burial grounds for the Abe Downing horse from the Red Fox Inn property now owned by the City, prior to new development of that property. The future site is yet to be determined.

5. **Website updates**—Our website is constantly being updated with Paige's help. More updates to come.
6. **CAMP training**—Karen mentioned that we received an inquiry from Paula Mohr at the state SHPO office for anyone interested in hosting a virtual training workshop called CAMP in late 2021. These are offered by the National Alliance of Preservation Commission (who published the article about our historic districts). We did not discuss this due to time constraints.

Because the meeting ran overtime and several attendees had to join the City Council meeting, all other agenda items were tabled until the next meeting.

Reports—No reports were given as we ran out of time.

Adjournment:

Chair Karen Lehmann declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Don Meyer, Acting Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2020, at 5:15 pm. The Commission agreed to continue meeting virtually using the Zoom platform.