

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting held on the Waverly Public Library on April 26, 2012

Called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Karen Lehmann.

Commissioners present: Mary Meyer, Tom Hicks, Erika Lindgren, Jim Hundley, Karen Lehmann, Don Meyer

Commissioner absent: Kate Payne

Council present: Kathy Olson

Staff present: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors: none

Approval of minutes: Motion was made to approve by Tom Hicks; Second by Erika Lindgren. Motion carried.

Regular Business:

1. Progress Report: Historic Surveys of NW and SE Residential Districts –SE district site forms done. Working on NRHP nomination. 3rd payment approved by Council for Svendsen Tyler. Marlys Svendsen plans to be in Waverly 1st week in May.
2. Naming of Historic Districts – Discussed the importance of connecting names to north, south, east, west quadrants of town. Question: what is the main purpose of the name – to easily locate, to educate the community on the history of Waverly?

Ideas commissioners discussed for the **Southeast residential neighborhood**: River Bend, Old Fourth Ward SE Historic District, “original town” or “old town” (as on old maps), Curtis Park Historic District. Question: was there a name for SE after original developer?

Ideas commissioners discussed for the **Northwest residential neighborhood** – Harmon & LeValley’s NW Historic District.

3. Progress Report : Historic Survey of Downtown – 3rd invoice submitted to City Council. Finished with West side.
4. Progress Report: Letter of Agreement with Iowa Economic Development Authority and State Historic Preservation Office approved for State Buyout Mitigation/ Historic Survey of SW Waverly – LOA approved by Council on Monday night. Now going to IEDA and SHPO for signatures. Can go ahead with demolitions of 4 historic homes. Grant will be submitted. Motion by Hicks to approved retrospectively the LOA. Seconded by Lindgren. Carried.
5. Annual Report – extension granted.
6. Preservation Conference in Decorah on April 27 & 28: Karen Lehmann, Mary Meyer, and Emily Neuendorf attending the conference.
7. National Historic Preservation Month in May: Hundley reported having a meeting of the planning committee. Sarah will forward **proclamation** to Jim. Last historic preservation awards were publicized in the newspaper. Trying to promote HPC by identifying commissioners in an article and update on potential historic districts. Accept **Historic Preservation Award nominations** in May.

Decisions will be made in June with awards given during Heritage Days in July. **Other ideas for Heritage Days:** Walking tours, open crypt at the cemetery . **Don Meyer could do a walking tour of Main Street architecture.** Keep taking nominations throughout the year for Waverly Historic Registry. Awards could still be made in the fall (WHR) or spring (HPA).

Council Report: none.

Staff Report: new City website up; suggestions from commission on features to change on HPC portion of website.

Chairperson's Report: Lehmann reported – note was sent to mayor showing support of HPC on Letter of agreement with IEDA and SHPO. Lehmann delivered the presentation at City Council for the HPC annual report. Will post this powerpoint on website. Sent letter of support for Cedar Valley to host Revitalize Iowa conference. Website – make HPC like other boards & commissions' webpages, rather than nested in library's page. Put HPC roster back on webpage.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for May 24th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Waverly Public Library.