Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, May 22, 2014, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Jim Hundley, Tom Hicks, Karen Lehmann, Kate Payne and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Don Meyer and Erica Lindgren

Council present: None City liaison: None Visitors present: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 1, 2014, meeting were approved.

Regular Business

1. Progress report on the Southwest Historic District Survey

A neighborhood meeting was held at the Waverly Public Library on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. No one who lived in the district attended. Marlys Svendsen made a PowerPoint presentation and advised that she will include three homes in the survey that are outside the boundaries of the district: the Ira Studevant house and two houses in the First Home Addition.

2. Progress report on the Harmon & LeValley NW Historic District Survey

All invoices for the survey work have been paid. The nomination has been submitted to the National Park Service and is awaiting approval.

3. Progress report on the Downtown Historic District Survey

This nomination has also been sent to the National Park Service. The final payment was scheduled for approval by the City Council at the May 19, 2014, meeting.

4. Committee Report: Launching the Old Fourth Ward SE Historic District in conjunction with Historic Preservation Month in May

The walking tour brochures are finished and were printed at a total cost of \$510.00 for 200 copies of each of the brochures. The kickoff event will occur on Saturday, May 31, from 1-5 pm, at the old CUNA building on 1st St SE. Walking tour brochures will be available in the lobby, the Mayor and Don Meyer will speak at 3:00 pm, and refreshments will be served. Don Meyer will create signs to be placed in front of each house on the tour on Saturday morning. The subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, May 28, to finalize the details.

5. Signage for the Waverly Municipal Hydroelectric Powerhouse and the Old Fourth Ward SE Historic District

There was no report on the sign for the Powerhouse. Lehmann will contact the sign shop at the prison in Anamosa about prices for street signs to mark the historic districts, and will provide more information at the next meeting about placement, design and state highway regulations.

6. Nominations for the 2014 Historic Preservation Award

No nominations have been received. Hundley will contact Rod and Bonnie Drenkow about the nomination of their home for an award. Mary Meyer will e-mail Marlys Svendsen for information about the homes she has surveyed in the First Home Addition to determine if one of them might be eligible for an award.

7. Terms of the Historic Preservation Commission members

Payne and Don Meyer have been reappointed to the HPC by the Mayor; Judge Peter Newell will replace Lindgren. Next month's agenda will include the election of officers.

8. Proposed changes to the City ordinance governing the HPC

Paula Mohr is still reviewing the proposed changes.

9. Proposed change in the date of the July 2014 HPC meeting

It was decided to move the July meeting to July 31 because of RAGBRAI the previous week.

10. Discussion of the Farmers Exchange building in South Riverside Park

The HPC supports saving the building but would like more details from the City about the proposed rehabilitation. Further discussion will occur at the June meeting.

Council Report

No council report.

Staff Report

No staff report.

Chairperson's Report

No chairperson's report.

The next meeting will be held *Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 6:00 pm* at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary