

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, August 28, 2014, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Tom Hicks, Karen Lehmann, Don Meyer, Pete Newell, Deborah Ackerson and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Jim Hundley

Council present: None

City liaison: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 26, 2014, meeting were approved.

Regular Business

1. ***New Commissioner***

The Commission welcomed Deborah Ackerson as the new commissioner to replace Kate Payne.

2. ***Progress Report on the SW Historic District Survey***

No report was received from Marlys Svendsen because she has been ill and has also experienced some computer problems. She will submit a progress report in September.

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

Don Meyer provided prices for signage at the powerhouse. Metal Decor quoted \$2,650 for a bronze wall-mounted plaque, 24" x 30", with an etched image of the powerhouse. A pedestal sign, 48" x 36", not made of bronze, would be \$1,924. Metal Decor of West Union could provide a bronze wall plaque, 24" x 30" without an etched image, for \$2,675; the image of the powerhouse would add \$480 to the cost for a total of \$3,155. A pedestal sign would be more costly. Grants may be available; Meyer-Reyerson will contact Paula Mohr for more information.

Lehmann reported that Decorah had raised \$31,000 from local businesses to help with the cost of their historic district signs. Discussion followed about the possibility of raising money from Waverly businesses in this manner, and about placing the signs on public vs. private property. Lehmann will provide more information about the cost of the Decorah signs and Ackerson will determine how many signs will be needed for the Old Fourth Ward Historic District.

A motion was made by Hicks to order a bronze wall plaque from Metal Decor for the powerhouse; Newell seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

4. ***Proposed changes to the ordinance governing the Historic Preservation Commission***

Meyer-Reyerson reviewed the changes that had been made to the ordinance. Lehmann moved to approve the changes; Hicks seconded the motion that was approved unanimously.

5. ***Report on the Preserve Iowa Summit in Cedar Rapids, August 21-23***

Lehmann attended the conference where she made a brief presentation about Waverly's historic districts. She reported that Kirkwood Community College and Iowa State University are offering classes leading to historic preservation certification. A discussion followed about ways to involve the community in preservation, and about documenting disappearing resources.

Council Report

No council report.

Staff Report

Meyer-Reyerson reported that official certificates have been received for Waverly's three historic districts. A decision will be made at a future meeting about where to display them.

Chairperson's Report

No chairperson's report.

The next meeting will be held ***Thursday, September 25, 2014, at 6:00 pm*** at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary