

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, October 30, 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, Pete Newell and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Deborah Ackerson and Don Meyer

Council present: None

City liaison: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 25, 2014, meeting were approved.

Regular Business

- 1. *Revision to Chapter 49 of the City Ordinances regarding the Historic Preservation Commission***
The third reading of the revisions to Chapter 49 will occur at the November 3, 2014, City Council meeting. The Council suggested the deletion of the reference to term limits in Section 49.2, stating instead that terms expire in June. The Council also suggested that a minimum of three meetings per year be required in Section 49.6 rather than stating that meetings will be held "as deemed necessary." The commissioners agreed with the changes.
- 2. *Progress Report on the SW Historic District Survey***
Marlys Svendsen's goal is to complete the site forms and the nomination in time for the State Nomination Review Committee meeting in October of 2015.
- 3. *Signage for the Waverly Municipal Hydroelectric Powerhouse***
The plaque has been completed and delivered; Don Meyer is working with the City to install it. The invoice for the plaque has been submitted for payment.
- 4. *Signage for the historic districts***
Lehmann reported that she has a new contact at Prison Industries and that she will create a presentation of options for the signage. The HPC will then determine the style so that price estimates may be obtained.
- 5. *Waverly Rotary Club presentation***
Meyer-Reyerson spoke to the Rotary Club on October 16, 2014, about the formation of Waverly's historic districts, emphasizing FEMA's role in funding the surveys, and also the benefits of historic districts such as tax incentives and property price stabilization.

Council Report

No council report.

Staff Report

Meyer-Reyerson spoke to Tab Ray about displaying the historic district certificates at the Civic Center. He suggested that they be placed in the lighted display case temporarily before being permanently displayed in the Council chamber.

Chairperson's Report

Hundley suggested that the HPC request information from Wes Gade about the City's plan for the Farmer's Exchange building in South Riverside Park. He also suggested that the HPC discuss a plaque for the burr oak in front of the Civic Center only if the topic arises in the future.

The November/December meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 6:00 pm** at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary