

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, August 27, 2015, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Kris Brunkhorst, Tom Hicks, Don Meyer and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Karen Lehmann, Deborah Ackerson and Pete Newell

Council present: Wes Gade

City liaison present: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: Phil Jones, City Administrator, and Brian Gade

Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 23, 2015, meeting were approved.

Regular Business

1. ***Comments and corrections to the first draft of the Sturdevant SW Historic District Nomination***

Marlys Svendsen has asked the members of the Historic Preservation Commission to proofread the first draft of the nomination and provide feedback at the September meeting. Meyer-Reyerson has made copies available to the commissioners.

Svendsen will attend the September 24, 2015, meeting to collect the comments/corrections and to host a public meeting for residents of the future Sturdevant SW Historic District. She will present a brief historical and architectural survey of the neighborhood in photos and will also review the tax incentives and other benefits available to the residents of an historic district. The neighborhood meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

2. ***HPC statement concerning the future of the Green Bridge***

Wes Gade suggested that the HPC provide a statement of the HPC's position regarding the future of the bridge. Discussion followed about the various options, ranging from closing or removing the bridge to building a new bridge. Brian Gade, who lives in the neighborhood near the bridge, felt that most neighbors would like the bridge reopened to vehicle traffic. Phil Jones expressed the City Council's willingness to receive input from the citizens of Waverly.

Don Meyer, on behalf of the HPC, will draft a letter to the Mayor and City Council stating the HPC's desire to pursue an option like the one proposed by Butch Kehe of Cedar Valley Engineering, to repair the bridge to its condition prior to the recent closing when limited vehicle traffic was allowed. Mr. Kehe's proposal would also extend the life of the bridge for an estimated 20 years, providing time for the City to develop a plan to build a new bridge in another location.

The HPC will also investigate the advantages and disadvantages of nominating the Green Bridge to the National Historic Register and present the findings to the Council.

3. ***Signage for the historic districts***

No update.

Council Report

Gade reported that there is no timetable for the rehabilitation of the Farmers Exchange building in South Riverside Park. He also suggested that the minutes of the HPC meetings could be sent directly to Carla Guyer, City Clerk, for inclusion in the packets provided to City Council members.

Staff Report

No report.

Chairperson's Report

No report.

The next meeting will be held on ***Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 6:00 pm*** at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary