

Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2020

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission

The Waverly Historic Preservation Commission met virtually on Monday, October 26, 2020, at 4:30 pm using the Zoom platform.

Commissioners present: Chair Karen Lehmann, Vice Chair Kris Brunkhorst, Commissioners Glenn Fenneman, Mary Meyer, Justin Jeffcoat Schedtler, Darius Robinson and Don Meyer
City Council Liaison present: Brian Birgen
City Staff Representative present: Isaac Pezley

1. **Call to order**—Chair Karen Lehmann called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
2. **Approve July 2020 minutes**—Moved by Don Meyer, seconded by Mary Meyer to approve the July 2020 minutes, to correct a wrong date. Motion passed.
3. **Approve August 2020 minutes**—Moved by Mary Meyer, seconded by Don Meyer to approve the August 2020 minute. Motion passed.
4. **Approve September 2020 minutes**—Moved by Mary Meyer, seconded by Don Meyer to approve. Motion passed.
5. **Receive Visitors/Public Comments**—No visitors were present.

Regular Business

1. **New Commissioner Appointment**—Justin Jeffcoat Schedtler was welcomed as a new Commissioner. He is a professor of religion at Wartburg College and lives in an historic district.
2. **Meeting Times**—Karen announced that meeting times will revert to 5:30 pm as before for our future meetings.
3. **Green Bridge Memorial**—The menu of memorial options proposed by Karen, Don and Kris was presented to the Commission for review. Four options were discussed. City Council Liaison Brian suggested we meet with City Manager James Bronner and with Leisure Services Director Garret Riordan to clarify the spending of the loan the City received that would be available for this project, and to gauge the City's interest in maintaining Option #1 to create a public venue in Brookwood Park. We will also need to talk with Garret about the sculpture idea in Option #3. Brian also suggested we clarify how Option #1 differs from the venue already available in Kohlmann Park. Support for the sculpture contest idea was expressed by Commissioners, and concern was expressed that we not spend a lot of time promoting Option #1 if the City and Council are not in support of it. Brian mentioned that the timetable for removal of the Green Bridge is scheduled for August 2021.
4. **Waverly Historic Register plaques and vendor**—Karen pointed out that there were several plaques ordered in 2007 for eligible properties that were never installed. Discussion centered around providing plaques for these properties but no decision was made.
5. **Boost Co. follow-up actions**—The committee has not met and will report next month. It was reported that the City does not have a preferred vendor for logos. Karen will follow up with more regarding our Commission logo next month.

6. **2020 Action Plan**—Kris is working with the Chamber Design Committee on signage for significant properties in the community. We hope to have a public forum in May 2021 for Historic Preservation month. Brian reported that the City is working with the Bremer County Historical Society to move the Abe Downing grave site from the Red Fox Inn property which is scheduled for redevelopment. Karen will forward the “24 Reason” booklet to the Commissioners.
7. **Additional website updates**—Tabled until next meeting.

Reports—No additional information was provided.

The agenda included an announcement that the next Preserve Iowa Summit will be hosted by Council Bluffs on June 3-5, 2021.

Adjournment:

Chair Karen Lehmann declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Don Meyer, Acting Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2020, at 5:30 pm. The Commission agreed to continue meeting virtually using the Zoom platform.