

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, June 26, 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, Don Meyer, Pete Newell and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: None

Council present: None

City liaison: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: Rich and Theresa Johnson, Diana Blake

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 22, 2014, meeting were approved.

Regular Business

1. ***New Commissioners***

The Commission welcomed Peter Newell as the new commissioner to replace Erika Lindgren. Kate Payne has resigned to take a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission; a new Commission member has not yet been appointed.

2. ***Presentation of "Doors of Waverly" poster by Theresa Johnson***

Theresa Johnson brought a poster she had created from photos of doors in the Old Fourth Ward SE Historic District. Commission members suggested businesses in Waverly she could contact about selling the posters.

3. ***Review of the Old Fourth Ward SE Historic District Celebration***

The donation checks that were received from Kaiser-Corson and the Dairy Promoters have been deposited; Deborah Ackerson and Karen Lehmann will be reimbursed for their expenses from this money. It was suggested that thank you notes be sent to those who helped and that an article might be submitted to the newspaper about the celebration. The Commission felt the response from the neighborhood was very positive. Suggestions for future events included an architectural walking tour of the Downtown Historic District, possibly to coincide with Wartburg Homecoming, and a kickoff event for the Harmon and LeValley NW Historic District in May 2015.

4. ***Election of Officers***

The current officers have agreed to continue in their positions: Jim Hundley, Chairman; Don Meyer, Vice Chairman; Mary Meyer, Secretary. The slate of officers was approved by the Commission.

5. ***2014 Historic Preservation Award***

No nominations were received for the award. Lehmann will contact Cyndi and Lyman Campbell about accepting the 2014 award. A motion was made by Lehmann and seconded by Hicks that only one award will be presented in 2014, that it will be presented at a later date rather than during Heritage Days, and that a newspaper article will be written to publicize the award. The motion carried.

6. ***Progress report on the SW Historic District Survey***

Marlys Svendsen reported that one homeowner was initially upset with the idea of the historic district but she believed that his concerns had been addressed. She proposed the name "Sturdevant SW Historic District"; Hicks moved the name be approved, Lehmann seconded, and the motion carried. Svendsen will submit an individual nomination for the Ira Sturdevant House.

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

Possible placements for the plaque at the powerhouse include on the building itself or on a pedestal in front of the building. Don Meyer will research the cost of each option so that a decision can be made about funding the project. Lehmann reported that Iowa Prison Industries charges \$17 for an 18" x 12" sign or \$24 for an 18" x 24" sign, one color on a contrasting background. The more elaborate signs used in Iowa City with the geese design were produced by a foundry and were more expensive and more difficult to mount. Lehmann and Newell will survey the neighborhood to determine how many signs will be needed and how they might be mounted, and will report at the next meeting. Meyer-Reyerson will provide more details about the funds that will be available from the City for the HPC to use for signage.

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

Meyer-Reyerson will submit the new draft of the ordinance with the proposed changes to Paula Mohr for comments.

9. ***Discussion of the Farmers Exchange Office building in South Riverside Park***

More information will be obtained from the City about its plans for the building.

10. ***Discussion of the stone silo at the Public Works site in NW Waverly***

Grading will begin at the site in August. The City does not want to incorporate the silo into the new building plan so it appears it will be destroyed.

11. ***Change in the date of the July 2014 HPC meeting***

The July meeting will be held on July 31 because of RAGBRAI the previous week.

Council Report

No council report.

Staff Report

Meyer-Reyerson reported that the FEMA reimbursements to the City for the historic district surveys are in progress. The funds for the Sturdevant SW Historic District survey will come from the State of Iowa.

Chairperson's Report

No chairperson's report.

The next meeting will be held **Thursday, July 31, 2014, at 6:00 pm** at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary