

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes—Special Meeting

A special meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015, was called to order at 4:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Jim Hundley, Tom Hicks, Karen Lehmann, Deborah Ackerson, Don Meyer and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Pete Newell

Council present: None

City liaison present: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: Bill Werger, City Attorney, and Betty Bast, former owner of the house. Also present on a conference call were Brant Vollman, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers historian; Ralph Christian, State Historic Preservation Office historian; and Marlys Svendsen who prepared the nomination for the Harmon and LeValley Historic District.

Purpose of the Meeting

To review the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the removal of the house at 210 6th St NW, a contributing property in the Harmon and LeValley Historic District.

Regular Business

Bill Werger presented a slide show of photos of the house at 210 6th St NW. The house was built in 1947 and was a rental property from 2000, when the owner died, until the flood of 2008. It is now owned by the City. The house will be demolished as part of the Dry Run Creek Project that is scheduled to begin on March 30, 2015.

Because the house is a contributing resource in the historic district, and federal and state funds are being used for the Dry Run Creek Project, a Memorandum of Agreement is required as part of the permitting process to assure that the loss of this historic resource will be compensated.

An Iowa Site Inventory Form was prepared by Marlys Svendsen for the historic district nomination. Discussion among Brant Vollman, Ralph Christian and Svendsen determined that the existing site form will be expanded by Svendsen with additional photos, a sketched floor plan with dimensions, and a footprint of the house. It will be included in the MOA along with two complete sets of photos, one set to remain at the Waverly Public Library. Svendsen will also update some of the language of the memorandum, and send it to Christian and Vollman for review and inclusion in the final memorandum.

Don Meyer made the motion that the Historic Preservation Commission sign the updated Memorandum of Agreement as a concurring party; the motion was seconded by Ackerson and approved unanimously. The MOA will be presented to the City Council on Monday, March 23, 2015. When the MOA has been signed by all parties, the permit can be issued to the City and the Dry Run Creek Project can begin.

A discussion followed about the possibility of salvaging material from the house. Werger indicated that the City would allow materials like doors and windows to be removed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary