

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, July 23, 2015, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Kris Brunkhorst, Tom Hicks, Karen Lehmann, Deborah Ackerson, Pete Newell and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Don Meyer

Council present: None

City liaison present: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: Will Kurtt

Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 25, 2015, meeting were approved.

Visitor Comments and Regular Business Item #1

Will Kurtt presented information about the City's plan to reconstruct the sidewalk around the historic arch at Bremwood, formerly known as the Lutheran Children's Home. Although the Iowa DOT's plan for road construction on W. Bremer Ave. in front of Bremwood is not finalized, the City is intending to immediately begin to reconstruct the sidewalk. Bremwood would like to protect the arch by moving it a short distance south onto its property and out of the DOT right-of-way. It will then be repaired and preserved. The HPC felt it was a good plan and expressed interest in adding the arch to Waverly's Historic Register.

Regular Business

1. ***Discussion of Bremwood's plan to move and protect its historic arch***
See Visitor Comments above.
2. ***Amendment of the Community Development Block Grant for the Sturdevant Historic District***
The City Council approved the amendment to the grant that increases the amount from \$30,000 to \$39,000 and extends the deadline to June 2016.

Reports

1. ***Signage for the historic districts***
Lehmann reported that the signs have arrived and will be installed by the City as time permits.
2. ***Sturdevant Historic District survey***
Marlys Svendsen has only a few site forms to complete and hopes to send the first draft to the state for review in August 2015.
3. ***The future of the Green Bridge***
Svendsen believes the Green Bridge might be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Because Waverly is a Certified Local Government, grants may be available for rehabilitation or other historic preservation activities. More discussion will be needed to determine how to proceed with the nomination. Meyer-Reyerson will inquire about possible grant writers and also about grants that might be available to fund the nomination. Don Meyer and Ackerson will attend the next City Council meeting when the second engineering report will be presented.

Council Report

No report. Newell will send a letter to Gade inviting him to the next HPC meeting to discuss his lack of attendance at the meetings.

Staff Report

Meyer-Reyerson also reported that the Sturdevant Historic District contains 119 contributing resources, including 27 resources that are potentially individually eligible for the National Register.

Chairperson's Report

No report.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 6:00 pm** at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary