

## Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, January 28, 2016, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

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

Commissioners absent: Deborah Ackerson, Pete Newell

Council present: None

City liaison present: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: Mayor Chuck Infelt and Marlys Svendsen (by phone)

### Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 22, 2015, meeting were approved.

### Regular Business

#### 1. ***Progress report on the Sturdevant SW Historic District***

The Historic Preservation Commission unanimously approved a motion stating that the Sturdevant SW Historic District had met the National Register of Historic Places criteria for significance and integrity, and therefore recommended that the district be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Svendsen will make a short presentation of the nomination to the State Nomination Review Committee (SNRC) on February 12, 2016, and archive copies of the nomination will be sent to the National Park Service for review. Approval usually occurs in about 45 days.

Svendsen's last invoice for preparation of the nomination will be approved by the City Council on February 8, 2016; the City will then be reimbursed by a Community Development Block Grant.

Svendsen will also provide links to useful preservation information that the HPC can include on its website.

#### 2. ***Signage for the historic districts***

No signs have been installed; Brunkhorst and Hicks will inspect the signs and report back to the HPC.

#### 3. ***Role of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the Green Bridge***

Meyer-Reyerson provided a copy of the WHKS Engineering report concerning the Green Bridge for review by the HPC. She also noted that the bridge was not included in the Iowa Historic Bridge Inventory because it was not deemed to be eligible.

Several grants may be available for either surveying the bridge for National Register eligibility or for repairs; some require the City to match the funding. The HPC will explore these options further and provide information to the City. Mayor Infelt reported that the City could fund the repair options up to \$2.3M without issuing bonds.

The HPC will reiterate its position to the City that the bridge should be repaired to its former functionality in any manner that preserves its historical character and integrity. Don Meyer will present the letter to the City Council at its next meeting.

#### 4. ***Plaque for the Farmers' Exchange Building***

Meyer-Reyerson will determine the vendor used for previous plaques and report back to the HPC.

#### 5. ***Report on the REAP meeting at Hartman Reserve on October 27, 2015***

Brunkhorst reported that funding would not be available for replacement of the Green Bridge. The Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) grants are funded by the Resource Enhancement and

Protection (REAP) Act and provide funds to preserve, conserve, interpret, enhance, and educate the public about the historical resources of Iowa.

6. ***Planning the celebration of the Downtown Historic District***

The planning committee will schedule a meeting and present an update at the next HPC meeting.

7. ***Continuing education opportunities for Historic Preservation Commissioners***

The Iowa Downtown Summit will be held in Mason City on August 3-4, 2016. Don Meyer will present "Downtown Architecture – Things Are Looking Up."

**Council Report**

No report.

**Staff Report**

No report

**Chairperson's Report**

No report.

The next meeting will be held on ***Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 6:00 pm*** at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room. It was suggested that the March meeting time be changed to 5:00 pm because the meeting date is Maundy Thursday; a decision will be made at the February meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary