

## Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, February 25, 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, Deborah Ackerson, Pete Newell and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Don Meyer

Council present: None

City liaison present: Sarah Meyer-Reyerson

Visitors present: None

### Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 28, 2016, meeting were approved.

### Regular Business

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

Meyer-Reyerson reported that Marlys Svendsen presented the nomination for the Sturdevant SW Historic District to the State Nomination Review Committee (SNRC) on February 12, 2016. With only minor changes the nomination was then sent to the National Park Service for review.

Svendsen will create a map of all four of Waverly's historic districts for SNRC.

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

Ackerson will create a map to determine the number of signs that will be needed for the Sturdevant SW Historic District so that the signs can be ordered this fiscal year.

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

Brunkhorst reported that a petition was circulated to repair the bridge by homeowners in the area.

Svendsen is willing to help with the National Register nomination. Meyer-Reyerson will request an estimate of the cost from Svendsen; the Historic Preservation Commission will explore options for funding the nomination. Meyer-Reyerson will ask the City staff if a competitive bidding process will be required and also inquire about their success in finding grant money.

Svendsen suggested reading about the replacement of the Motor Mill Bridge in Elkader on the internet for background. It's a truss bridge similar to the Green Bridge. (Excerpt from [thebridgehunter.areavoices.com](http://thebridgehunter.areavoices.com) regarding funding for the Motor Mill Bridge: *FEMA funded part of it, we received a REAP Grant through the state of Iowa, received funding from the Iowa Great Places Grant, and a local grant through the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation and private donations. 90% of the funding was through grants.*)

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

The plaque will be ordered and installed on the building even though the future of the building is uncertain.

#### 5. **Review of the HPC website**

The commissioners will review the resources area of the website and make suggestions for its content.

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

Don Meyer has contacted the Heritage Days committee to determine their reaction to a celebration of the Downtown Historic District during Heritage Days. Other dates were discussed for the celebration, as

well as the possibility of combining our celebration with a tour of the upstairs renovation project in downtown Waverly.

It was also suggested that the HPC might organize a project at the library in May to invite the public to bring vintage photos to be scanned for the library's collection.

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

Lehmann will e-mail dates of such opportunities to the commissioners.

8. ***Alternative time for the March meeting of the HPC***

The HPC will meet at **5:00** pm on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

**Council Report**

No report.

**Staff Report**

No report

**Chairperson's Report**

No report.

The next meeting will be held on ***Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 5:00 pm*** at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary