

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Thursday, June 30, 2016, meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

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

Commissioners absent: Karen Lehmann

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 May 26, 2016, meeting were approved.

Regular Business

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

The Sturdevant SW Historic District is officially an historic district and the certificate proclaiming that has been received. Meyer-Reyerson is collecting the documents necessary for the City to claim reimbursement from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for the cost of the nomination process.

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

No signs have been installed. Don Meyer will ask Waverly City Manager James Bronner to encourage the City staff to install them before the Heritage Days weekend in mid-July. He will also invite Bronner and Tab Ray to the July 28, 2016, meeting.

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

Meyer-Reyerson has provided Marlys Svendsen with a set of photos of the Green Bridge for the eligibility study she has undertaken. Svendsen will come to Waverly in early July to continue her research and will also be preparing the nomination for the Historic Register.

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

It was suggested that wording should be added to the plaque to note that the building is now located within an official historic district. Grants may now be available for restoration, perhaps to fund an alternative renovation plan that would preserve the architectural features of the building.

5. ***Renovation resources on the HPC website***

Jillian Rutledge of the Library staff will be able to update the website as time permits; the Library has the documents that need to be added to the website. Meyer-Reyerson advised that she will no longer be the City liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

The date of the celebration will be Saturday, July 16, 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The Mayor and Don Meyer will speak at a short program at 3:00 pm at the East Bremer Diner, where the owner has offered the upstairs dining room for our use. Don Meyer will also prepare the text for a half-page ad in the Heritage Days newspaper insert, emphasizing Waverly's four historic districts, the celebration of the Downtown Historic District and Waverly's Historic Preservation awards. The subcommittee will meet again to finalize the details for the celebration.

In addition, the HPC hopes to present its Preservation Award to Glenn and Gail Fenneman during the program at 3:00 pm. The nomination has been approved by the HPC.

And Don Meyer will be speaking at the next City Council meeting about all of the above events.

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

No new opportunities were presented.

Council Report

No report.

Staff Report

No report.

Chairperson's Report

No report.

The next meeting will be held on ***Thursday, July 28, 2016***, at the Waverly Public Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Secretary