

Waverly Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Monday, February 27, 2017, meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm at the Waverly Civic Center.

Commissioners present: Kris Brunkhorst, Deborah Ackerson, Karen Lehmann, Glenn Fenneman, Pete Newell and Mary Meyer

Commissioners absent: Don Meyer

Council present: Dan Lampe

City liaison present: Bill Werger, Paige Yoder

Visitors present: Larry Kurtz, Tom Hicks

Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 23, 2017, meeting were approved.

Visitor Comments

Larry Kurtz brought the 2009 architectural plans for the renovation of the Farmers' Exchange building in South Riverside Park. The open-air design kept the window openings, and moved the door and bathroom to the street side. The Historic Preservation Commission would like to preserve more of the historic appearance of the building, including enclosing at least part of it. Brunkhorst and Don Meyer will further develop the ideas of the HPC with the intention of having the plans modified.

The future of the Parks Maintenance building was also discussed. Possible uses for that building might include shelter for the Farmers' Market, Art in the Park, and the Waverly Garden Club annual plant sale. The HPC will solicit ideas from the Chamber and the Garden Club. Grants from the state of Iowa and historic tax credits will also be explored, as the building is now included in the Sturdevant SW Historic District.

Regular Business

1. ***The Harmon St./3rd St. SE (Green Bridge) update***

The City Council did not accept the bid to repair the bridge. The HPC would like to preserve part of the bridge if it will not be repaired. A motion was approved to ask Marlys Svendsen to complete her nomination of the bridge for the National Register of Historic Places. We thank our City Council representative for his advocacy on behalf of the HPC.

2. ***Completion of the Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report for 2017***

Yoder will submit the form on February 28, 2017, with the clarification that Marlys Svendsen has completed only the eligibility study for the Green Bridge.

3. ***HPC website update***

Yoder reviewed the new website. The HPC would like to add maps of the historic districts and links to the HPC minutes. Other suggestions can be sent to Yoder.

4. ***Planning the celebration of the Sturdevant SW Historic District***

The first meeting of the planning subcommittee will be held March 8, 2017, at 6:30 pm at the Waverly Public Library.

5. ***Submitting a nomination for the 2017 Preservation at Its Best Award (from Preservation Iowa)***

Lehmann and Don Meyer will prepare a draft of the nomination to recognize Waverly for its achievement of adding four historic districts to the National Register of Historic Places and present it at the March 2017 meeting. Nominations are due in April.

6. ***Continuing education opportunities***

Don Meyer will continue to email opportunities to commissioners as he receives them. The Iowa Downtown Conference will be held in Sioux City August 1-3; the Preserve Iowa Summit will be held in Ft. Dodge June 8-10.

7. ***Review of the 2017 Action Plan***

The discussion was moved to the March meeting.

Council Report

Lampe suggested reading the book *No Greener Pastures* by Robert Ecker for historical information about Waverly.

Staff Report

Yoder will continue to update the website.

Chairperson's Report

None.

The next meeting will be held on ***Monday, March 27, 2017***, at 5:00 pm at the Waverly Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Meyer, Acting Secretary