

Minutes from the Waverly Historic Preservation Commission meeting, Monday, August 26, 2019 at 5:15pm at the Waverly Civic Center, in the Conference Room.

1. Call to Order

Roll Call (Kris Brunkhorst, Glenn Fenneman, Karen Lehmann, Mary Meyer, Peter Newell, Linda Hovden,) Vice Chair Karen Lehmann led the meeting in place of Chair Don Meyer.

2. Adopt the Agenda-Glenn made motion, Pete seconded. Approved.

3. Approve April 2019 Minutes-Pete made motion, Mary seconded. Approved.

4. Approve June 2019 Minutes- Same. Approved.

5. Receive Visitors/Public Comments-None.

Regular Business:

6. Contract for Preliminary Survey of Northeast Quadrant with Rebecca McCarley

a. Signed contract has been sent to Rebecca

b. Timeline is to begin in September, and targeted completion date for the survey is

October 31. Rebecca feels she can meet that schedule. Question asked was how does she identify structures?

7. Waverly Design Committee—Historic Marker project-The group met and their minutes are attached as well as a picture of the depot Mary found.

8. Budget for 2019-20. Do we know the amount we have to work with--\$750

c. Mary can be reimbursed for her expenses to Preserve Iowa Summit, according to Isaac Pezley-Zoning Admin., and liaison to HPC. Mary Meyer noted that she was already reimbursed in the previous fiscal year.

9. Other- Farmer's Exchange Plaque? Isaac will look into where it is, presumably Garrett (Leisure Services) has it.

-Will there be a ribbon cutting for completion of this or a grand opening celebration? Or for completion of phase 1? Isaac will find out.

-Poster sales: Upcoming all class reunion, Sept. 7 at 9am at Centre Inn, we will set up a table and sell. The Ren. Faire at Wartburg's Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 12 will also have a table with the Bird's Eye View maps for sale.

10. Reports:

• Council Report—Brian Birgen-Was at the opening of the Cedar River Parkway and new bridge.

• Staff Report—Isaac Pezley-see above.

ADJOURNMENT: So moved and approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2019 at 5:15 pm at Waverly Civic Center.

Rotation for acting secretary Sept. meeting: M.Meyer, Newell, Fenneman, Hovden, Lehmann, Brunkhors
Minutes were taken by acting secretary Kris Brunkhorst.

Minutes of Combined Historic Signage Committee

Present: Paula Stevenson and Steve Egli-Downtown Beautification, Kris Brunkhorst, Rick and Kathy Sturdevant-Ira Sturdevant House, Inc., Andy Bell and Larry Kurtz-AHTS architects for South Riverside Park renovation project, Dr. Terry Lindell-Wartburg History Prof. and Sturdevant House board, Paul Cheville-Leisure Services.

Asked to attend: Garrett Riordan-Leisure Services, Don Meyer-Historic Preservation Commission, Jori-Wade Booth. Candy Streed-Silos and Smokestacks.

Idea for historic signage came from the downtown beautification streetscapes committee for historic signage of downtown sites. Committee liked the proposed sites that were read by Paula Stevenson. (**The Big Six, Sites of interest the committee has assembled thus far, which included, but not limited to: Ernie's, the old Sub City Building, the Star Clipper, the Engelbrecht house, the Exchange Building, the former hotel, South Riverside Park, the old depot, etc.**)

Discussion went to 1st St. SW with the most recent preservation project, the Farmer's Exchange Building and signage for that project since it's most visible. Discussion then led to other historic sites along 1st St. SW including the Ira Sturdevant House.

Kris Brunkhorst noted there are several founding "families" that need to be recognized besides William Harmon. Cretzmeyers and Sturdevants being suggested. The Sturdevant House, Inc board represented by Rick and Kathy Sturdevant from Colorado, presented 6 possible sites along 1st St. SW for phase 1 and 4 for phase 2 of the South Riverside Park areas.

(First Stage 1st St. SW (Water Street) sign ideas proposals-Kathy Sturdevant-ISH, Inc.

1. Ida House, including other structures later in same spot, like the black smith shop. Ida House was William Sturdevant's 1st hotel.
2. Western Exchange Hotel. William's 2nd hotel with livery stable and other later structures.
3. (Rock Island) Depot, perhaps maybe other depots that existed, story of depot use, saving it, architecture, and unique uses.
4. Foot bridge/ford location. Explanations along the river trail, story of Indians.
5. Current bridge with historical bridge stories, from William Sturdevant.
6. Farmer's Exchange Office/scale and other features of South Riverside Park area/Farmer's Market Site. Co-op/grain elevator.

Phase 2 Further south on 1st Street.

1. Brick Machine Shop on south end.
2. Sign about old houses removed.
3. Hillside older limestone house of Hess site.
4. RR Track directions/location

Possible large portrait sign of William Sturdevant in Civil War uniform.)

Not to distract from the downtown original idea, and trying to have representation for the first phase of several quadrants, Andy Bell introduced a theme of R & R-River and Railroad and Founders and how they are all interconnected in history and sites. Committee discussed connecting these three items and connecting the story from sign to sign.

Kathy stated that Silos and Smokestacks may be interested in this project as their goal is to preserve and tell the story of agriculture and industry but also transportation, in which the river, building bridges, and the railroad are a part of that story, but they are on a funding hiatus this year.

Ideas discussed:

*Grants to start the process-identified a CLG grant (Certified Local Government grant program for historic preservation projects) that is due Friday, August 16, 2019 with possibly the city applying for the matching grant. Committee will ask Don Meyer if he will write it for us. Larry Kurtz will ask Bill Werger about funding and the okay and approval to do so. Matching amount could be \$15,000.

*Phase 1 was identified as possibly signage for

1. Behind Big Six area overlooking the river (industry, bridge, flood, history of Big Six)
2. The Depot (4 Queens),
3. Farmer's Exchange/Co-op and "Produce Building" (Farmer's Market Shelter).
4. Possibly also doing a tribute to founding leaders sign/pictures in Kohlmann Park or SW by the Depot.

*A part of the grant talked about Resource Protecting. The Farmer's Exchange Receipts and the need for purchasing of archival boxes for them could be included as well as matching labor-people doing the work of sorting, labeling, and deciding what could be used as documents for inclusion on the signage.

*Andy talked about Section 106 mitigating during the replacement of the main street bridge in 2023 would have to be done. In which the DOT and any federally funded project, with SHPO must do an environmentally historic and archeological review. There may be funding within this review to mitigate.

*Future ideas and funding sources discussed were: **Iowa Culture Mobile App**, (<http://iowacultureapp.com/>) **Clio** (<https://www.theclio.com/web/>) where people can submit their historical info/stories, **Iowa Film** grants for documentaries, visual presentations, video projection projects, or creation of an app for audio portions of the tour replacing/in addition to a printed brochure for a walking tour, and **historical information and timelines** in the sidewalks. Other ideas: creating an audio app and numbering the signs for a walking tour, phases of adding future signage, creating a walking tour with information/brochures at the library, chamber office and the Farmer's Exchange building. Suggestion made to ask Mary Cheville, Mary Meyer, Sturdevants, to help gather information on the historic information and photos. Dan Hatala working on ideas for a mural on a display board (not attached to the building) on the north end of the Farmer's Exchange.