

MINUTES

WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WATERLOO, IOWA

REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M. - FEBRUARY 19, 1987

The regular meeting of the Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Dave Van Dee in the Large Conference Room located on second floor of City Hall.

Members present were: Doug Brown, Susan Pearson, Rose Middleton, and Bob Stevenson.

Also present were Councilperson Willie Mae Wright and Dave Van Dee.

Motion was made by Stevenson, seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 15, 1986. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time the staff requested that the discussion items be reviewed as there was not a quorum present at this time. Van Dee pointed out that the staff had received applications to apply for a grant from the State Historic Preservation office. The staff explained that the cover letter indicated that projects should coincide with the State Preservation goals. Unfortunately those goals are not in written form at this time, but the staff has been advised that nominating properties either individually, as a district or thematically would be a grant eligible activity. Discussion then focused on whether the local match money could be provided and possible strategies that should be implemented. The consensus of the Commission was to have a letter developed or organize a meeting for those property owners that may be located within a potential district. At this time Van Dee mentioned that several staff members from the State Historic Preservation Office would be in Waterloo on March 3, 1987 to visit with some area property owners to discuss possible tax credit projects as well as on-site reviews of five (5) properties targeted for nomination under the current grant. The staff also mentioned that efforts would be made to arrange a luncheon for the Commission and the SHPO staff for March 3, 1987.

Commissioner Penn arrived and provided the necessary vote for a quorum.

Van Dee then went on to update the Commission in regard to the current status of the Nomination Grant. It was pointed out that the initial document had been submitted by the January 30, 1987 deadline and that the preliminary indications were positive. It was also mentioned that the staff had heard from all but one (1) of the five (5) property owners involved and they have all expressed an interest in having their properties nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. A brief explanation of the adjusted time schedule was given and the staff indicated that the Commission would be apprised of any changes that may occur as the project continues.

At this time the request by Robert Briden of WBM Marine to demolish the structure at 415 Franklin Street was presented. Van Dee pointed out that the Commission would be going over to the site and Mr. Briden would indicate his need and plans in regard to the property. It was pointed out that the Commission does have ninety (90) days time in which to develop a preservation plan in regard to this matter. In the course of the ensuing conversation, it was noted that the Commission's goal should be the preservation of the structure, though it is certainly not their intention to inhibit development or expansion of businesses. It was also mentioned that the staff was going to arrange for Mr. Briden to speak to the members of the State Historic Preservation Office during their March 3, 1987 visit to apprise him of the tax credit program. After further discussion it was moved by Stevenson, seconded by Pearson to table this matter until further information could be provided and schedule the next meeting date for March 5, 1987 to more fully discuss the matter. The motion passed unanimously with Brown abstaining from the vote.

The time being 4:30 P.M. the meeting adjourned to 415 Franklin Street to tour the site and structure. Mr. Briden conducted the Commissioners, Councilperson Wright and staff on a tour of his business and indicated his need for additional space. Approximately forty-five (45) minutes were spent at the site touring the structure and discussing various options with Mr. Briden. The staff indicated to Mr. Briden that the matter had been tabled by the Commission until March 5, 1987 and the ninety (90) day time limit would begin as of February 19, 1987. The Commission then returned to City Hall and reconvened in the Large Conference Room. Several ideas were expressed by the Commissioners, most of which focused on the possibility of moving the structure to a new site. The staff indicated that efforts would be made to locate some City property and find out what it might cost to move the structure from the site. A request was also made to the staff to contact Barbara Long, the consultant who did the survey, and find out if this structure is the most significant example of a Queen Anne architectural style that is remaining.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Van Dee
Recording Secretary