

**MINUTES**  
**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M. April 23, 1996**  
**SECOND FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Chairperson Peterson.

Members present were: Spencer, Maxon, Pearson, Middleton, Mitchell and Peterson. Also present were: Candy Streed of Silos & Smokestacks, Planning Department staff members Dave Van Dee and Noel Anderson and Assistant City Attorney Sang-Ki Han.

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Maxon to approve the minutes of the March 26, 1996 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Next, it was moved by Maxon and seconded by Pearson to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Candy Streed gave a brief update in regard to the Silos & Smokestacks project. She noted that they are making an application to The National Trust for Historic Preservation for funding. They are in the process of preparing the aforementioned application and it will be submitted to the commission prior to the next regular meeting. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of those attending that the next meeting would be May 21, 1996 at 4:30 P.M.

The first agenda item was in regard to the request by Norbert Meyer to install vinyl siding with aluminum trim on his property at 312 Prospect Avenue. The property is rated as a contributing structure in the Highland Historic District. Discussion ensued with Assistant City Attorney Sang-Ki explaining the Commission's powers, duties and responsibilities. With Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances in mind, he discussed that the Commission should consider the overall character of the neighborhood. Does the requested alteration affect or change the integrity of the neighborhood? If it does, then there must be a compelling reason for change. The discussion moved to the Economic Hardship Clause in the Ordinance. Sang-Ki explained that, in his opinion, there were no grounds for this to be effective. Others remarked that the applicant knew of the potential for a Historic District & restrictions earlier yet made no effort to voice his disagreements. Van Dee suggested that the values of pre-district designation and post-district designation in the area could be checked.

After further discussion in regard to information received from Dubuque and Iowa City, it was noted that they are all primarily in sync with the Waterloo regulations, although Iowa City does not regulate synthetic siding. Pearson expressed concern over the fact that since the property being considered is on the peripheral of the district, it is vitally important to uphold the integrity of the district or face a possible continuing effect moving inward and eventually destroying the integrity of district. Pearson made a motion that the request be denied on the basis that it is not

consistent with the historic character of the neighborhood and other pertinent facts as noted in staff report. The motion was seconded by Middleton. Motion passed unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding Preservation Week May 12-18, 1996. The theme of Preservation Week is: Preserve Community. The Commission confirmed that preservation awards will be given to the Waterloo Courier, KWWL TV, the Highland Neighborhood Association and Annette Swan on Sunday May 19, 1996 at approximately 2:30 p.m. during the Victorian Tea at the Snowden House.

The last item on the agenda was the establishment of a nominating committee. Gary Iverson will serve as chair, with Earl Spenser and Sue Pearson being committee members.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Van Dee  
Staff to Commission

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