

MINUTES
WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
WATERLOO, IOWA
REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M. - SEPTEMBER 28, 1989

The regular meeting of the Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 4:05 P.M. by Chairperson Rose Middleton in the Small Conference Room on second floor of City Hall.

Members present were: Broshar, Middleton, Pearson, Stevenson, and Maxon.

Also present were: Dave Van Dee and Richard Earles

Motion was made by Broshar, seconded by Maxon to approve the minutes of the August 24, 1989 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item discussed was in regards to the Certified Local Government Annual Report. Van Dee indicated that the report had been mailed out in the agenda packet. Stevenson recommended a revision to the report reflecting our intent to pursue funding for the Commission though the form of funding was not included in the revision. After a brief discussion it was moved by Stevenson, seconded by Broshar to approve the revised report and direct the staff to forward the document to the State Bureau of Historic Preservation. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item discussed was in regards to a grant opportunity that has been made available through State with the Historic Resource Development Fund. A general discussion was held in regard to the type of projects that would qualify for funding as explained within the Grant Application. It was the consensus of those present that this Grant would seem to be applicable to the improvements that have been discussed in relation to the Dunsmore House, though there are technical details that need to be resolved prior to making application for the project through this program.

The next item discussed was in regards to the request by Community Development to receive approval for the demolition of the following properties:

a. 111 Irving Street - 'B' Structure Greek Revival Style?

There was a brief discussion in regard to the subject property which focused on the condition of the facility as well as the positive impact demolition may have on the surrounding neighborhood. It was also noted that there is at least one (1) additional property in this area that is in a deteriorated condition and is anticipated to be demolished in the future. It was moved by Stevenson, seconded by Maxon to approve the request to demolish the structure at 111 Irving Street. The motion passed unanimously.

b. 40-42 Mulberry Street - 'B' Structure

Van Dee indicted that the subject property appears to be structurally sound and after visiting the site research indicated that the owner of the subject property also owns the two (2) adjoining structures which appear to be in worse condition than the subject. The Commission questioned whether the subject could be saved and the adjoining structures removed to provide open yard area. After further discussion it was moved by Stevenson, seconded by Pearson to table this request and direct the staff to discuss the feasibility of rehabilitating the subject and encourage the demolition of the two(2) adjoining structures. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item discussed was in regards to the proposed exterior renovations of the Former East Side Library. Van Dee reported on the status of this project indicating that the Waterloo City Council Building and Grounds Committee has authorized the staff to seek bids to perform portions of the project as no bids were received for the entire project. This item has been brought to the Commission for informational purposes and at this time the City has entered into a contract with the Vernon Bascom Co. of Vinton to perform tuckpointing of the facility and repair work to the main entry steps. The project is anticipated to cost approximately \$ 17,000 and should result in a savings as the steps were originally programmed for replacement at a cost of \$ 10,000. No action was necessary on this matter.

At this time the staff distributed a survey form from a college student requesting responses from various Preservation Professionals and Commissioners. It was mentioned that if the Commissioners would fill in the survey and return them they could be mailed out through our office.

The next item discussed was in regards to the issuance of a Certificate of No Material pertaining to a minor change in the style of light post proposed to be utilized in Highland as part of the Street Lighting Project. Sue Pearson gave an overview of the current status of the project indicating that phase 1 is progressing well and the organization is enthusiastically pursuing the project. No action was necessary on this matter.

The next item discussed was an update regarding the Dunsmore House. Rose Middleton reported that she will be meeting the Women who have been discussing the utilization of the house for several possible activities. The activities range from a collective social organization club house to an Afro American Cultural Center and Museum. The staff indicated that once the group has reached an accord on establishing an organization that will incorporate and take title to the property we could apply for funds through the Historic Resource Development Fund discussed earlier. Rose indicated that she will continue to work with the interested parties and report any progress to the Commission.

The last issue discussed was to set the date for our November meeting as Thursday, November 16, 1989 as the fourth (4th) Thursday of the month is a holiday.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Stevenson
Secretary

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