

WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – March 21, 2023– 4:30 P.M.
The meeting was held in the Mollenhoff Room at City Hall

Vice Chairperson Valtchev called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission to order at 4:30 p.m.

Commission Members present were: Nick Hedrick, Terry Stevens, Susan Price, Jared Hottle, Ivan Valtchev, Ed Ottesen, and Mathew Gilbert.

Commission Member(s) absent were: Hector Salamanca Arroyo, Cole Weliver

Others present were: Lexi Blank – Planning Staff; Ed Gallagher – Grout Museum Liaison, Riley Boulden – Main Street Waterloo, Charles Pearson, Alexa McDowell – Architectural Historian

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Ottesen, seconded by Price to approve the agenda of the March 21, 2023, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Price, seconded by Hedrick to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Oral Presentations

Charles Pearson gave a presentation on his work with Black experiences in Waterloo. He noted his work with RAGBRAI 50 and how he will be educating participants on the African American history of Polk County and Davenport. Pearson asked the Commission for continued support in his endeavors and the Black Life Youth Camp. He would like the Commission to be a good source of education for African American history and Historic Preservation for young children and others in Waterloo.

Hearings

- 1. Request by Ali Parish, on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, to locally designate 415 Walnut Street.**

Gilbert gave a summary of the project. There was discussion from Gilbert and McDowell about the research behind the expansion of the period of significance for the site. Pearson noted all church congregations that have occupied the building should be recognized with the local designation. Gilbert stated the site will be locally designated, not the church congregations.

Stevens made a motion to approve the local designation of 415 Walnut Street. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Naming 2023 Historic Award Winners

There was discussion about the 2023 Award Winners among the commission members. Hottle mentioned adding the Friedl Bakery Building. Another member mentioned adding the Snowden House. Gilbert recommended awarding the two that were nominated by individuals, which was the Tech Works Building and Michael Magee.

2023 Award Winners: TechWorks Building 2, Michael Magee, Snowden House, and Friedl Bakery Building

Price made a motion to approve the 2023 Award Winners listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

Building Consultation

No Report

Reports

1. Main Street

Riley Boulden from Main Street Waterloo introduced herself as the new Architectural History and Historic Preservation Specialist Intern at Main Street Waterloo.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

No Report

3. Grout Museum

Gallagher stated the remodeling project is progressing and the planetarium should be visited. The Grout Museum will be completed enough to accommodate the Awards Ceremony in May.

4. Project Update

Blank noted the consultants are working on the 6 ISIF forms. Thomas has been in contact with Gilbert about historical information regarding some of the ISIF forms. Mohammad Elahi is working with the consultants on a cost estimate for the fabrication and installation of the signs.

5. Highland

No Report

6. Walnut

No Report

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. HPC Awards Banquet

Hedrick noted he has been in contact with someone at the Grout Museum. Nick's staff will cater the event again this year.

2. School Art Project 2023

Stevens stated she has sent everything to the schools for the School Art Project. She is working to get in touch with someone from the Courier to post an article about the event.

3. Main Street Waterloo Collaboration

Ottesen mentioned introducing and advertising Tour De Loo at the Awards Ceremony using a short presentation.

4. Other Collaborations

No Report

5. City-Owned Properties and Demo List

No Report

6. Maps

No Report

7. Goals and Action Plans

Blank noted the Grant Application that was sent to the Community Foundation was denied. Price asked if they gave a reason for denying the application. Blank stated there was no reason stated in the letter that was returned.

Discussion Items:

No Discussion

Design Guidelines:

No Report

Adjournment

Chairperson Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lexi Blank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lexi Blank
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