

WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2022– 4:30 P.M.
The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Ottesen called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Commission Members present were: Ed Ottesen, Nick Hedrick, and Susan Price.

Commission Members electronically: Mathew Gilbert and Terry Stevens (on at 4:37 pm)

Commission Member(s) absent were: None

Others present: John Dornoff and Lexi Blank – Planning Staff; Ed Gallagher – Grout Museum Liaison.

Others present electronically: Charles Pearson

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Price to approve the agenda of the February 15, 2022, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Price to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 Motion carried unanimously.

Oral Presentations

There were no oral presentations.

Hearings

1. Naming 2022 Award Winners

The commission discussed possible award winners.

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Price to name Habitat for Humanity, the Walnut Neighborhood Association, JSA – Judge Platt House; and David Wadsworth as 2022 award winners. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the 2022 Most Endangered Property List

Ottesen went over the list that was initially going to be done in 2022 but noted that the Schoitz hospital building is already being demolished and added the Dunsmore House to the list.

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Price to nominate the Courier Block, the YMCA building, 1325 West 4th Street, 429 Clay Street, 339 Almond Street, Mt. Moriah Baptist

Church, 523 Logan Avenue, 722 Water Street, 624-626 West Park Avenue, and the Dunsmore House as the Most Endangered Buildings for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Project Proposal by Charles Pearson

Pearson stated that he would like to work with the City of Waterloo to locally nominate ten properties locally and put two buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, including East High School and Payne ME Church which was the original railroad chapel.

Pearson said he could get the funding, and the funding will be directed to Pearson Consulting.

A couple of the properties are Pearson family properties.

Wants a partnership with the commission.

Gilbert noted that there is a Multiple Property Nomination at the national level and could be used on the local level.

Hedrick stated they would like to see more information and documentation before proceeding further.

Pearson said he talked to the school district about getting East High School on the National Register. Pearson and Stevens noted that the school districts had done so much for the schools on the city's west side, but now they need to put some money on the east side.

Building Consultation

None

Reports

1. Main Street

Ottesen stated that Funky Junk a Loo will be on March 19&20th. Tour D'Loo will be on April 21st and tickets will be available online. Main Street is still looking for sponsors and donations for flowers.

Ottesen also stated that Main Street seems interested in historic walking tours.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

No Report

3. Grout Museum

Gallagher stated that Amos and Wilder are the new City Council Liaisons to the Grout Museum. The museum is looking forward to the May 12th banquet. Gallagher encouraged everyone to visit the new planetarium.

The St. Patrick's Day breakfast has been canceled, but the garden tour and home tour are still planned to go on.

4. Building Update

Dornoff noted that JSA is working on the house adjacent to the Judge Platt home.

5. Project Update

Dornoff stated that staff is talking with Federal officials about the Civil Rights grant project on how to proceed with the project with the lack of communication from the consultant.

6. Highland

Hedrick noted that USPS has set up a cluster box in front of the entrance to Highland without any prior approval.

7. Walnut

No Report

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. HPC Awards Banquet 2022

Discussion on the banquet.

Hedrick will get bids for the catering for the banquet.

2. School Project

Stevens stated that the school district would only hand out flyers to Elementary School students because Middle and High School students will only throw them away.

Discussion if the art context should only be for elementary or for all grades with a consensus that it should be for all grades.

Stevens suggested prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Dornoff noted that in 2020 JSA had agreed to sponsor the prizes so they should be contacted and see if they are still interested.

Other Discussion:

Dornoff noted that he would not be at the next meeting on March 15th. However, Adrienne Miller and Lexi Blank will run the meeting.

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dornoff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Dornoff
Planner II