

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – April 16, 2019– 4:30 P.M.
Mollenhoff Conference Room, City Hall**

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

Commission Members in attendance were: Ottesen, Stevens, Miller, Jenson, Hedrick, Rohret and Morehouse.

Commission Member(s) absent were: None.

Others Present: Bethany Gladhill and Patrick Rhone – Thomas Zahn and Associates; Terrance Hollingsworth and Chris Fischels – citizens; Bob Neymeyer – Grout Museum, Pat Morrissey – City Council Representative and John Dornoff – Planning Staff.

At the Center for the Arts:

Commissioners in Attendance: Ottesen, Hedrick, Rohret and Miller.

Kate Umlauf – Louis Berger and Associates, and 10 citizens were present at the Walnut Public Hearing at the Center for the Arts.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Jenson, seconded by Morehouse to approve the agenda of the April 16, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Stevens, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting. Motions passed unanimously.

Update from Civil Rights Grant Project Consultants – Thomas Zahn & Associates

Bethany Gladhill and Patrick Rhone from Thomas Zahn & Associates were present to give an update on the Civil Rights project.

Three of their team were in town 6 weeks ago and spent time at the Grout Museum and met with Planning Department Staff.

They also went to the African-American Museum in Cedar Rapids. The big discovery there was a graduate student dissertation done in the 1990's that gives an extensive history of African-Americans in Waterloo.

They had a great conversation with a lady in the Triangle that owns 4 rental homes and is concerned that here family has moved away and she does not know what will happen to the homes when she dies.

There was a good conversation with Neymeyer about where the project should go and what does the consultants feel the final product will be.

They are looking at buildings such as Rath and the Russell Lamson to modify their current nominations or possibly nominate other buildings such as East or West High Schools if the School District would be willing.

It was also suggested to look at the connections with the Highland Neighborhood.

Hearings

Request by CRF Rentals for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new roof at 1212 Vine Street.

Dornoff read the staff report.

Chris Fischels with CRF Rentals noted he is in the process of buying the house and has purchased the house next door which is not in the district.

Would like to use a lighter color of roofing so that the roof will last longer.

The roofing material is not original so changing the color is not an issue.

Fischels also got input on the siding that is ok now but may eventually need to be replaced.

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Hedrick to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 1212 Vine Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommend approval of listing the Walnut Neighborhood to the National Register of Historic Places.

Dornoff stated that he would like the hearing opened here then would move to the Center for the Arts for public input.

Public Hearing was moved to the Center for the Arts.

Kate Umlauf – Louis Berger; Bethany Gladhill and Patrick Rhone – Thomas Zahn and Associates; and 10 citizens.

Umlauf gave a presentation on what the consultant has discovered in the neighborhood and the background of the nomination.

Motion made by Miller, second by Rohret to recommend the listing of the Walnut Neighborhood to the Nation Register of Historic Places. Motion carried unanimously (Jenson, Morehouse voted by email)

Reports

1. Main Street

There was 6 design reviews at the last meeting which was the record for the most in a single month.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

No Report.

3. Grout Museum

No Report

4. Building Update

Dornoff noted that there the Foster building is getting interest and may be redeveloped.

5. Project Update

A public meeting on the Smokey Row project will follow the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting on May 21st.

6. Highland

Miller said the plaques will be up soon.

Discussion Items/Possible Actin Items

1. Banquet 2019

The banquet is set for May 9th, Morehouse stated everything is set up and ready to go.

2. School Art Project

Stevens noted that there are no art programs at Bungler Middle School but she got the flyers out to all of the Middle Schools and so far has two submittals.

3. Preservation Iowa

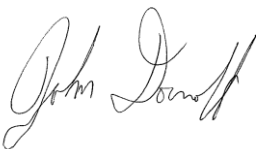
Preservation Iowa Summit will be from June 6 to June 8th, 2019.

Dornoff will attend on June 6th including a CLG roundtable.

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
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