

WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 20, 2021– 4:30 P.M.
Meeting was held by Zoom online meeting application

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

Commission Members in attendance electronically were: Ed Ottesen, Susan Price, Matthew Gilbert, Terry Stevens, and Nick Hedrick.

Commission Member(s) absent were: Alice Rohret

Others present electronically: Noel Anderson – Community Planning and Development Director; John Dornoff – Planning Staff; Pat Morrissey – City Council Liaison; Paula Mohr – State Historic Preservation Office

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Stevens to approve the agenda of the April 20, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Stevens to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Oral Presentations

None

Hearings

- 1. Request by Robert Sauls for a Certificate of Appropriateness for new siding located at 326 Highland Boulevard.**

Dornoff read the staff report.

Siding was replaced back in the 1970's that does not match the historical character of the home.

Hedrick asks if the siding would still be vinyl to which Sauls says yes.

Hedrick asks about replacing with vinyl is ok to which Ottesen says he is unsure about how the wood underneath will look to which Saul responded that it appears that the wood underneath has been removed.

Ottesen says that returning to smaller siding makes it looking more conducive to the original appearance.

Ottesen asked how Saul intended to work with the corners to which Saul said they will be treated the same as it is now.

It was moved by Hedrick, seconded by Stevens, to approve the request by Robert Sauls for new vinyl siding located at 326 Highland Blvd. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Consultation

None

Discussion with Paula Mohr

Morrissey discussed the Dunsmore House with Mohr.
State funded a full study of building and different programming options for the interior.
Not only what needs to be done up front but also that can be phased in.
Jackson County town of Andrew did a study on what to do with stone jail.
Mohr asks what the building should be used for as Morrissey had suggested a museum, a residential property or commercial property.
Possible to put an easement on the property to ensure building taken care of.
Locally designated to protect it from future changes.
Rehabilitation study for the jail was very extensive with detailed drawings.
Mohr feels the study that was already done was very well done.
Could look at cost for jail as it was probably comparable in size to the Dunsmore House.
Paid for through a CLG Grant which requires 40% match.
Mohr asks what the commission feels about the project.
Mohr feels that a phased approach is the best way to do a project.
Morrissey talks about having a meeting at the Dunsmore House and is concerned about the red tape and the restrictions put on building changes.
Morrissey discusses the saving of the Gilbertville Depot and created the Friends of the Gilbertville Depot.
The building is leased for \$1.00 a year and it is gradually being renovated.
Been multiple attempts to save the Dunsmore House in the last 50 years.
Suggested to create a group of for Friends of the Dunsmore House.
Mohr noted that just because a home is on the National Register does not mean it is saved.
Morrissey concerned about ADA requirements.
Gilbert and others discussed having building as a welcome center.
Mohr goes over funding options as there is never been as much funding as there is now.
Mohr stated that the project for Dunsmore House needs to maximize dollars.
Mohr goes over the events of Preservation Iowa.
Keynote Speaker wrote the book "Drive while Black" which discusses greenbooks etc.
Gilbert asked if there was a protective easement on the building but is something that can be looked at in the future.

Reports

1. Main Street

All design reviews were all tabled due to a lack of information.
Looking for additional sponsors for the flowers.

Springs cleanup day May 22nd.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

No Report

3. Grout Museum

Gallagher stated that the museum is partially opened by the Imaginarium is still closed because pumps will need to be replaced.

4. Building Update

None

5. Project Update

None

6. Highland

Easter event went off, 4 or 5 families moving in.
Partnering for the music series in September.

7. Walnut

No Report.

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. HPC Awards Banquet 2021

Postponed to September, waiting to hear about a date.

2. Possible Award Winners

Hedrick asked what the awards are available to which Ottesen explained.

3. School Project

Stevens stated that our contact with the schools is leaving.

4. Main Street Collaboration

Dornoff asked for help on the Main Street project.

5. Demolitions/City Owned Properties

Dornoff noted that 928 Mulberry has been sold to David Deeds.

Design Guidelines

No Action.

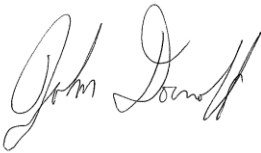
Other Discussion:

Donna Nelson told Morrissey that the Dunsmore House was part of the Underground Railroad.

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 5:28p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dornoff".

John Dornoff
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