

WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 17, 2022– 4:30 P.M.
The meeting was held in the Mollenhoff Conference Room at 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 present were: Ed Ottesen, Nick Hedrick, Susan Price, Hector Salamanca Arroyo, and Ivan Valtchev.

Commission Member(s) absent were: Terry Stevens and Matthew Gilbert.

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Valtchev, seconded by Price to approve the agenda of the May 17, 2022, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Valtchev, seconded by Arroyo to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 regular meeting and the April 21, 2022 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Oral Presentations

No Oral Presentations

Hearings

1. Request by JSA Development for a Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation plans for 425 Franklin Street.

Dornoff went over the report.

Deeds went over the proposed changes to the building. He noted that SHPO will probably want the windows to be in wood frames. They have found 1 original window in the building. Deeds stated that the estimated cost of the rehabilitation is from \$750,000 to \$1 million.

Valtchev asked questions about specific changes to the building.

Ottesen noted that the proposed rehabilitation got a good response from the Main Street Design Review Board.

There was a lot of excitement for the project.

Motion made by Valtchev, seconded by Price to recommend approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness. Motion carried unanimously.

Building Consultation

None

Reports

1. Main Street

Ottesen reported that the Design Review Board approved signage for 621 Sycamore. Projects approved included 800 and 716 Commercial Street along with the changes to the cell phone equipment on the Waterloo Building. Main Street Sweep will be held this weekend and there is a need for volunteers.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

No Report

3. Grout Museum

Gallagher stated that he hoped that everyone enjoyed the awards ceremony. Work will be starting soon to move the main entrance upstairs to the doors that face the parking lot although the downstairs entrance will still be available. The Grout is working on creating more long-term displays. The indoor summer camps for kids will be returning this year and preparation continues for the Historic Homes Tour.

4. Building Update

Dornoff noted that 1325 West 4th is being purchased by Habitat for Humanity with Deeds commenting that Habitat plans to sell the rehabilitated building on the open market.

5. Project Update

Dornoff stated that they have finally heard from the National Park Service and the Civil Rights grant was extended until April 30, 2023. He also noted that the staff has finally heard from the consultants and they are looking to finish the project.

6. Highland

No Report

7. Walnut

Valtchev noted that the Annual Marigold Plantings occurred the previous weekend. The annual community clean-up is scheduled for June. The neighborhood association is applying for grants for tree plantings.

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. HPC Awards Banquet 2022 recap

Gallagher reported that it appeared that everyone enjoyed the awards ceremony with the only problem being the sun to which Dornoff responded the sun was one of the reasons why the inner banquet area made better sense for the ceremony.

2. School Project

No Report.

3. Main Street Waterloo Collaboration

There is lots of opportunities for volunteering.

4. Goals and Action Plan

Goals for the ceremony will reset but otherwise, the commission is doing well.

Discussion Items:

Discussion on the problem with vinyl windows and siding being proposed in Highland. Deeds noted that it needs to be pointed out that if it wasn't for the historic district it would look like much of the rest of the eastside with lots of demolished homes.

Discussion on the need for a revolving loan fund to help with situations such as the single mother from April who could not afford to have a wood fence facing the street and went with a chain link fence.

Discussion on having a City Council work session to let the council members know that they commission does since there is so many new members.

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
Planner II