

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – August 20, 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, Price, Rohret, Stevens, Miller, Hedrick, and Morehouse.

Commission Member(s) absent were: Hedrick.

Others Present: John Dornoff – Planning Staff and Dr. Jane Lindaman – Waterloo Public Schools.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Price, seconded by Morehouse to approve the agenda of the August 20, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Morehouse, seconded by Rohret to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting. Motions carried unanimously.

Hearings

Request by Waterloo Public Schools for a Certificate of Economic Hardship in order to demolish a house at 5643 Kimball Avenue.

Dornoff recommending tabling the requesting since he has not been communicated with by the school district and there is no representative present.

Motion made by Price, seconded by Morehouse to table the request by Waterloo Public Schools for a Certificate of Economic Hardship to demolish a house at 5643 Kimball Avenue. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Lindaman from Waterloo Public Schools arrived shortly after the item had been tabled.

Motion made by Price, seconded by Morehouse to take from the table the request by Waterloo Public Schools for a Certificate of Economic Hardship to demolish a house at 5643 Kimball Avenue. Motion approved unanimously.

Miller said he visited the site and the building is in pretty bad shape.

Dr. Lindaman stated that she did contact JSA Development about the house but they were not interested and they did not know of anyone who might be interested in taking the building due to the cost of moving it. Dornoff stated that Noel Anderson did attempt to contact Mr. Anderson who is developing land near the school if he would be interested in the building but he was not.

Morehouse was concerned about the slippery slope allowing the building to be demolished as it could lead to others to be demolished because they have not been taken care of. Ottesen noted that a lot of homes have been lost in situations like this.

Price stated it would be nice if the building could be documented before it is demolished.

Motion made by Morehouse, seconded by Rohret to approve the request by Waterloo Public Schools for a Certificate of Economic Hardship to demolish a house at 5643 Kimball Avenue on the condition of allowing commission members to contact Habitat and any other interested party on salvaging materials from the house and that the property be documented property. Motion approved unanimously.

Application for the 2020 CLG Grant

Dornoff stated that last month the commission approved applying for the CLG grant but would like to hold off on applying for the grant until next year. There is concerns about the Civil Rights project and that applying for the grant now would be considered double dipping in funds since the Civil Rights grant is paying for looking at the expanded triangle and the CLG money despite being dispersed by the state is also Federal money.

Dornoff also noted that there are wheels in motion that could see funding available to do a Church Row survey next year.

Stevens said she is opposed to this since the Triangle area always gets the short end of the stick.

Motion made by Price, seconded by Miller to withdraw the recommendation to apply for the 2020 CLG Grant with the purpose of doing the next phase of the Northeast Triangle area. Motion passed 3 yes, 2 nays (Stevens, Morehouse)

Reports

1. Main Street

Design council had 5 reviews including window signs and an outdoor patio.

October 3rd will be Design Council Tour D'Loo.

The Board of Directors will be meeting tomorrow.

August 31st is the last Urban Farmers Market for the year.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

Dornoff discussed that Silos and Smokestacks will be hosting a photo bus tour on September 7, 2019

3. Grout Museum

The historic home tour will be on this Saturday August 24th.

4. Building Update

No update.

5. Project Update

Dornoff said that the contractor for the Walnut National Register Nomination has done the required changes requested by the State, has forwarded the changes to the State, and the State should be forwarding the nomination to the National Park Service soon. Unsure how long the process will take at the Federal level as the Hotel President took substantially longer than the stated 90 days.

6. Highland

Miller said that the neighborhood had a successful National Night Out.

The lawn at 204 Alta Vista has been cut.

There will be a rummage sale this Saturday from 8am to 4pm.

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. National Night Out August 6th

Walnut had good attendance at their event including a performance by the Waterloo Symphony.

2. Library Presentation

Ottesen suggested that the commission could discuss the documentation of the house on Kimball Street during the commissions presentation on October 30th. Ottesen also suggested discussing past loses such as the Paramount Theater.

3. Design Guidelines

Ottesen suggested that the commission start meeting for an hour after the regular meeting starting September to go over the Design Guidelines.

4. Training Session in Maquoketa

Dornoff handed out information from the training session in Maquoketa for the commissioners can take a look at.

5. School Art Project 2020

Stevens said she was very mad that she did not get recognition for all her hard work at the awards banquet even though Morehouse did and pointed out it is how people of color have been kept down for years. Ottesen and Dornoff both apologized to her.

Stevens also stated that this year the project should start soon with Dornoff noting that school starts on Monday.

Dornoff said it would be good to nail down a date for the Banquet now so that it can be included with communication to the schools.

Morehouse will see if the Grout Museum will be available on Thursday, May 14th.

6. HRDP Grant

Dornoff noted that the HRDP grant will be coming up in March or so and noted Steven's idea about collecting Oral histories from the Triangle area and with us now loosing those people who were at the forefront of the Civil Rights battles, now is the time to get it done. Stevens said she will start working on it with or without the grant.

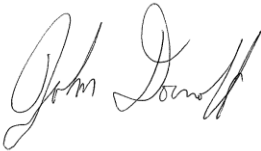
Other Discussion:

None

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 5:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

John Dornoff
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