

WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – September 15, 2020– 4:30 P.M.
Meeting was held by Zoom online meeting application

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 electronically were: Ed Ottesen, Nick Hedrick, Mathew Gilbert, Alice Rohret, Terry Stevens, and Susan Price.

Commission Member(s) absent were: None

Others Present electronically: John Dornoff – Planning Staff; Ed Gallagher – Grout Liaison; and Francesca Soans – UNI.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Rohret to approve the agenda of the September 15, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Price, seconded by Hedrick to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting and the notes of the August 18, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Oral Presentations

Francesca Soans, UNI asked about properties which are about to be demolished on Salisbury which are referred as Eddie B's. Been documenting the history of Waterloo to the African-American community. This property is privately owned.

Hearings

1. Request for a recommendation to the Board of Adjustment on a request to allow a fence in the required front yard at 326 Highland.

Ottesen asked about the history of the fence. Hedrick said the house has been empty for some time. Stevens says he should not get the variance. Gilbert says that the homeowner needs some education. Six foot fence instead of 5-foot. Not in the proper place.

Motion made by Hedrick seconded by Rohret to recommend denial for a request by Robert Sauls for a variance to allow a 6' fence in the required front yard at 326 Highland. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Priority for surveys

Dornoff said that Stevens had previously said that Triangle was the biggest priority. Ottesen says he agrees with Stevens that Triangle should be first priority. Discussion about area northwest of US Highway 63.

Top three:

1. Full Triangle
2. Church Row
3. Northwest of Walnut

It was moved Stevens seconded by Gilbert to approve a priority list of future historic surveys to include 1) Triangle 2) Church Row and 3) Northwest of Walnut. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Consultation

None

Reports

1. Main Street

No reviews this month, review of grab n grow signage. Holiday décor going up in early November. New council chair will be Mason. Possibly be in person meeting next month.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

No Report

3. Grout Museum

Improvements are happening to the Snowden House. Next board meeting tomorrow.

4. Building Update

Dunsmore House had architects looking at house and will give report on house which will be approved by council on Monday. Will be talking next week with a group from Denver, CO about redeveloping the Rath building.

5. Highland

Several houses for sale but selling quickly. All events cancelled for the year.

6. Walnut

Several habitat homes going in, nice to see new owners in the community.

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. Past Forward

Gilbert and Stevens applied for grants to attend the conference.

2. Historic Storyboard Maps

Dornoff went over the progress being made on the storyboard maps.

3. HPC Awards Banquet 2021

We are book for May 13th, 2021.

4. School Art Project

Stevens is talking to schools.

5. Main Street collaboration

Looking for ideas.

6. Demolitions

220 Hopkins Court is being demolished.

7. Action Plan

Last item to do this year was selecting priority list.

Design Guidelines:

Aware of what can and cannot do.

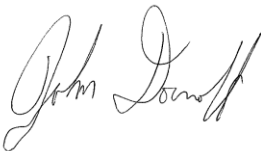
Other Discussion:

None

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 5:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
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