

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2011– 4:45 P.M.  
1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

Berry called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

Commission Members in attendance were: Andera, Berry, Olsson, Ottesen, Potter, Toepfer and Quirk.

Commission Member(s) absent were: None

Others Present: Jeff Kurtz - Main Street Waterloo Director, Candy Streed – Silos and Smokestacks, Joyce Ankrum, President of Highland Neighborhood Association

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion made by Ottesen, seconded by Olsson to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes**

Toeper noted that her last name was spelled incorrectly in the November 16, 2010 Minutes, noting that the correct spelling is “Toepfer”, not “Toeper”.

*Motion made by Olsson, seconded by Quirk to approve the amended minutes of the November 16, 2010 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Public Hearings**

Joyce Ankrum, President of the Highland Neighborhood Association, introduced herself to the Commission noted that she had recently taken over for Matt Boyd, and noted that she looked forward to getting to know and working with the Commission.

**Election of Officers**

Quirk noted that Pat Berry has done a very good job at being the Chairperson and noted that she thought he should do it again.

*Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Toepfer to elect Pat Berry as Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion made by Toepfer, seconded by Olsson to elect Gale Quirk as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Reports**

**1. Main Street**

Jeff Kurtz, Main Street Waterloo Director, noted that Taste of the ‘Loo would take place on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and noted that tickets would be \$20.00.

**2. Silos and Smokestacks**

Candy Streed, Silos and Smokestacks, noted that there would be a grant information secession on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Silos and Smokestacks office. Streed noted that projects involve Agricultural Industrial Heritage and began at 10:30 a.m. Streed noted that on April 6<sup>th</sup> the Golden Silo awards would be held at the Sky Events Center and noted that Silos and Smokestacks is currently involved in a project with the Geography Department and UNI to survey the rural landscape to show how land changes over time noting that a prototype could be shared with the City of Waterloo.

Berry noted that a book is available in the Library called the “History of Black Hawk County” which is a very good geographical source.

Andera questioned if the study would show the history of the land uses. Streed noted that it would, noting the study was being preformed by Professor Alex Overly showing the relationship between the culture and the land.

### **3. Grout Museum**

Olsson noted that there was nothing new to report.

### **4. Rath Administration Building Project Update**

Andera noted that there would be a development meeting, taking place on January 17 with Senator Dosler, noting that the economic development director from Souix City, the location of another project with the same developer, is not the Economic Development Director for the State of Iowa.

Streed questioned the developer’s intentions for the structure. Andera noted that the developer intended to use the structure for commercial office space and possibly for computer servers. Andera noted there is currently a problem with obtaining historic tax credits for phased projects which has to be worked out before rehab can be underway.

Quirk questioned if the Commission should call the Senator. Andera noted that it probably would not be necessary at this point as a new Governor and State Congress recently took control.

### **5. Highway 63 Expansion**

Poll noted that the houses are still waiting on Enterprise Zone funding and a few other issues.

Kurtz questioned where the Dollar General store was locating. Andera noted that it would be located north of Airline Highway.

## **Discussion Items/Possible Action Items**

### **1. Annual Historic Preservation Awards**

Poll noted that it was once again to start thinking about candidates for the Historic Preservation Awards. Poll as last year’s winners consisted of commercial structures, and was hoping some residences could be included in the nominations for the year. Poll also noted that individual Commission members would be meeting about the winners this year and giving the presentations at the ceremony.

Potter noted that Roux Orleans would be a possible location for the ceremony and noted that Bob Heaton’s building could be a potential back up.

Kurtz noted that Main Street was having its 15 year anniversary celebration and that possibly the events could be combined. Kurtz noted the celebration would be on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Berry noted that Newton's restaurant could be a potential nomination. Andera noted that the building was rehabilitated by JSA Development who have who awards fairly recently.

Quirk noted that potential dates for the ceremony could be Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> or May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Olsson questioned if Potter could get an ad in the paper asking for nominations from the public. Potter noted that she would look into it.

## **2. Local nomination of Washington and Lincoln Parks as Historic Landmarks**

Quirk noted that the City Council meeting would discuss Washington Park at their meeting directly following the Historic Preservation meeting and invited all the Commissioners to attend.

## **3. Guidelines Revision**

Berry noted that as the City Council meeting was about to begin it would be prudent to discuss guidelines revisions at a later date.

## **4. Ordinance Revision**

Andera noted that the City Attorney had made a few corrections to the proposed ordinance, but noted that it was ready to move to the next step which would be going before the City Ordinance Committee and then to council. Olsson noted that we should move forward and send it on to the Ordinance Committee.

*Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Ottesen to accept the proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance. . Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion made by Ottesen, seconded by Quirk to send the proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **Adjournment**

*Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Toepfer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Poll,  
Associate Planner