

MINUTES
WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 19, 2002
FRANK MOLLENHOFF CONFERENCE ROOM – 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL

Chairperson Levi called the regular meeting of the Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission to order at 4:45 p.m.

Members present were: Aronson, Braley, Craven, Durban, Levi, and Etheredge. Also present was staff member Melissa Edsill.

Chairperson Levi started the meeting by noting the minutes to the December 18th, 2001 meeting were very precise and asked the Commission if anyone had any changes or additions. Hearing none, Levi asked for a motion. It was moved by Etheredge and seconded by Braley to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously. It was moved by Durbahn and seconded by Craven to approve the agenda with the addition of a third discussion item pertaining to upcoming projects in the city that may affect the Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no reports for the month of February for Silos and Smokestacks or Main Street Waterloo.

Having not achieved a quorum at last month's meeting, the Commission reviewed the lone item from last month's agenda; the certificate of appropriateness for 228 Prospect Avenue for the installation of two skylights on the rear of the home.

The contractor and homeowner were unable to attend the meeting to present the request. Edsill presented the request and did speak with the contractor prior to the meeting. It was moved by Durbahn and seconded by Braley to approve the request. Durbahn started the discussion of the skylights location on the roof. She also noted that this project was good that this process could be reversed. Levi added to the discussion by pointing out the site inventory sheet did pay special attention to the rear of the home significance. Braley concluded the discussion by stating the installation of the skylights would be a less obtrusive way to meet the other city ordinances for the remodeling of the attic area of the home. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission proceeded on to the discussion items of state and local incentives for Historic properties and the update to the local historic properties inventory. A discussion of the various incentives available for property within Black Hawk County and the city of Waterloo ensued, specifically the program available through the County Assessor's office and the Consolidated Urban Revitalization Area (CURA). Braley requested staff to report to the Commission the number of properties that are taking advantage of this program and what properties are historic. Edsill presented staff with the option of conducting an ICN session with Kerry McGrath with the State Historical Society of Iowa. The Commission felt this would be a good way to get all their questions answered at one time. The Commission directed Staff to set up an ICN session at the earliest convenience.

Motion by Braley seconded by Craven to adjourn at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Edsill
Staff to Commission