

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 20, 2012– 5:00 P.M.
POLICE LIBRARY, CITY HALL**

Olsson called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Commission Member(s) absent were: None

Others Present: Poll- Staff to the Commission, and Candy Streed- Silos and Smokestacks.

Approval of Agenda

Poll noted that Streed had to leave early and asked that her report be moved up on the agenda.

Motion made by Potter, seconded by Quirk to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Toepfer, seconded by Potter to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

1. Silos and Smokestacks

Streed noted that the Golden Silos Luncheon was approaching noting that Keith Elwich would be one of the speakers. Streed noted that Silos is working on a farm story video history project. Streed noted that the National Heritage areas are approaching their sunset date in the legislation and noted that a number of legislators were working to renew the legislation for the National Heritage Area. Streed noted that the interpretive planning grants were due on April 25, 2012.

Public Hearings

Poll noted that the applications should be considered separately as they were prepared separately.

Local Historic Landmark Nomination for Washington Park.

Olsson noted that the application had been discussed at several of the previous meetings and noted that there were not any significant changes between the application reviewed at the February 2012 meeting and the final application that was being discussed.

Andera noted that as he was a City Employee and the vote was in regard to the nomination of City property that he would abstain from voting for both parks.

Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Potter to approve the request and grant Local Historic Landmark status for Washington Park located southwest of the intersection of Washington Street and West Park Avenue. Motion 6-0 with Andera abstaining.

Local Historic Landmark Nomination for Lincoln Park.

Olsson noted that this was also the same application that was reviewed at the February 2012 meeting.

Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Potter to approve the request and grant Local Historic Landmark status for Washington Park located southwest of the intersection of Franklin Street and West Park Avenue. Motion 6-0 with Andera abstaining.

Reports

1. Main Street

Ottesen gave the Main Street report noting the design council was working on signage and placards to label historic buildings. Ottesen noted that the flowers for the baskets were planted and being grown. Ottesen noted that on March 22, 2012 there would be a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at 5:30 and that Greg Kroger would be the emcee for the evening. Ottesen noted that the summer events were quickly approaching.

2. Grout Museum

Olsson noted that the tour of historic homes was approaching and that the Grout Museum was pleased with their partnership with the Historic Preservation Commission. Olsson noted the Grout was still looking for more historic homes to use for the tour. Toepfer volunteered to help. Potter noted that she would ask Roman and Penny Fracawitz if they would be willing to use their home.

3. Rath Administration Building Project Update

Andera noted that he had talked to the developer who is working on securing the financing for the project. Potter noted that the building had been in the paper recently.

Poll noted that the City has sent out request for proposals to enlarge the downtown historic district and create a historic booklet for San Souci Island.

Olsson questioned if Ottesen could talk to Main Street about the possibility of a Locally Designated Historic District Downtown.

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. Historic Preservation Awards

Potter noted that she had sent the request in to the Courier to seek for nominations. Potter noted that she had talked to the Landau family who had noted that they were willing to host the event.

Potter noted that one potential nomination could be the Swisher and Court law firm located in the old west side library.

Quirk questioned if we could give an award to a contractor that has shown excellence in historic restoration noting that Magee Construction had done some good work around the City.

Ottesen noted that a building or structure in jeopardy should be featured at the ceremony. Quirk noted that the fire station next to the Brown Bottle could qualify.

2. Guidelines Revision

Poll noted that everyone should continue to review the definitions section and he would work to generate a draft.

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Poll,
Associate Planner