

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 16, 2013– 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 5:00p.m.

Commission Members in attendance were: Quirk, Price, Andera, Linda, and Toepfer.

Commission Member(s) absent were: Potter

Others Present: Adam Poll, Staff to the Commission, Aric Schroeder, City Planner, Camilla Deiber, Louis Berger Group, Candy Streed, Silos and Smoke Stacks, and Ivan Valtchev of Invision Architecture.

**Approval of Agenda**

Poll noted that because the hearings were similar and related that they could be discussed at the same time.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

***Motion made by Andera, seconded by Quirk to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Hearings**

- 1. Review Multiple Property Documentation historic study of Waterloo's downtown district.**
- 2. Review the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Waterloo West Commercial Historic District.**

Poll introduced Camilla Deiber of the Louis Berger Group, and noted that she was working as a historical consultant for the City of Waterloo. Poll noted that her and her peers had completed both the downtown historic study and the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Waterloo West Commercial Historic District.

Aric Schroeder noted that because of the loss of historic properties on Sans Souci Island from the flood of 2008, the City received some funding for both a downtown historic survey as well as a historic booklet documenting the history of Sans Souci Island. Schroeder noted that with the downtown study the City had received funding for either the designation of a west side historic district, and expansion of the existing east side historic district, or six individual national register nominations. Poll noted that the survey had been completed, and was ready for submission to the State historic office, and now the Commission could review the findings.

Deiber noted that the Louis Berger Group was recommending the nomination of a west side historic district. Deiber noted the boundaries of the new proposed historic district and some of the buildings it contains. Deiber noted that in addition to the west side, her study noted that the existing east side district could also be expanded. Poll noted that existing funding did not cover

the expansion of the east side district, but the Commission could put forth some funds if they desired, but other sources would have to be found as well.

Quirk noted she would support funding the east side expansion. Linda noted how helpful it was to have all this historical information in one report.

***Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Linda to support the submitted downtown historic study and the Waterloo West Commercial Historic District National Register nomination. Motion carried unanimously.***

Deiber noted SHPO required a public meeting and noted that the end of May or beginning of June would be appropriate. Streed suggested the studies could be presented at a Main Street meeting as this affected a number of properties within the Main Street area. Deiber noted it would be good to present it to Main Street and Schroeder noted he could talk to the director to set up a presentation.

### **Reports**

#### **1. Main Street**

Ivan Valtchev noted that a subcommittee had been created to expand the west side of the Main Street area. Valtchev noted that expansion would allow for additional review for the new area and would allow them to require higher design standards.

#### **2. Silos and Smokestacks**

Streed noted that Silos was starting a new program called “It’s not your grandparents farm... or is it?” on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Streed mentioned that the Golden Silos awards had taken place in April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Black’s Building. Streed noted that Silos and Smokestacks had received a \$50,000 grant from Land o Lakes for education, and noted that their federal funding had been secured through 2013.

#### **3. Grout Museum**

Schroeder noted that Silos and Smokestacks was partnering with the Grout to create a documentary of the stories of farmers.

#### **4. Rath Administration Update**

Andera noted that the tax credits and bonds have been approved, and hopefully the developer would be moving forward with additional permits soon.

#### **5. Dunsmore House**

Schroeder noted that Councilman Whelper had championed the acquisition of the Dunsmore House and would like to lease it to the African American Museum.

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

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

Poll questioned if there were any nominations for potential winners from the Commission. Quirk noted that a committee meeting should be held in early May after Potter returns to establish winners and other

details. Poll questioned if a date had been chosen. The Commission selected May 30. Quirk questioned if an article requesting nominations had been published. Poll noted that he believed Potter had taken care of that.

**Adjournment**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Poll,  
Associate Planner