

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 17, 2007 – 5:15 P.M.
MEETING ROOM A, WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Chairperson Ottesen called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Those in attendance were Ottesen, Olsson, Anderson and Quirk (No quorum).

Those absent were Brockway, Potter, Berry, Morgan and Newton.

Also present was staff member, Tim Andera and Candy Streed of Silos and Smokestacks.

Approval of Minutes

No Quorum

Approval of Agenda

No Quorum

Reports

1. Main Street

Ottesen gave the Main Street report, noting that at the regular monthly meeting, the Main Street Board noted they could not put the Rath Administration Building on the Tour De'Loo downtown tour. Ottesen noted the building is too far from the downtown district. Ottesen also noted that the annual Main Street review will be done on October 9th and 10th of this year, and it is when somebody from the State reviews of the operations of the local Main Street office.

2. Silos and Smokestacks

Streed noted that on September 17th and September 18th, Beth Boland of the National Parks Service will come to Waterloo for a presentation and conference on how important historic preservation is to a community. Streed also noted that Silos will be partnering with a program at UNI to create a presentation on the importance of historic structures and the story they can tell. Streed also noted that Silos is currently seeking additional partner sites to further tell the story of agriculture, and applications are due by September 4th.

3. Grout

Streed handed out booklets for the Grout Museum's Old Home Tour taking place in the near future.

Public Hearings

No Public Hearings this Month.

Discussion Items

1. CLG Grant Opportunity

Andera noted that there is a CLG Grant opportunity available through the State, and Paula Mohr of the Iowa SHPO office noted the City should look into a grant request to perform a downtown survey to see the possibility exists for a historic district, or if some buildings are eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Andera noted the best area for a survey to occur is the areas bounded by Sycamore on the south, East 5th Street on the east, East Park Avenue on the west and Franklin Street to the north. Andera noted there are still many original buildings to the City in this area. Andera noted that on the south side of the Cedar River, the possibility for a district is slimmer, as many buildings have been removed due to the construction of parking ramps and the 5 Sullivan Brothers' Convention Center. Anderson questioned if Main Street had any reservations to setting up an additional district in the downtown area, as there is already a Main Street Review Board. Anderson noted that Main Street might have concerns if a new district is established, with having an additional design review process for a property owner to go through, and having to meet a different set of guidelines. Ottesen noted that Main Street has raised concerns of having a district on one side of the Cedar River, and not having one on the other side. Andera noted that a survey is needed first, as it would be the first step in possibly establishing a district or getting buildings nominated. Andera also noted that property owners that would be included in a district would have to vote on whether to approve the new district, as well educate these property owners on the benefits of historic preservation.

2. Compile List of Eligible Historic Districts

Commission members present made a decision to discuss this item at a future meeting.

3. Compile List of Eligible Historic Buildings

Commission members present made a decision to discuss this item at a future meeting.

Hearing no further discussion chairperson Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Andera
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Staff to the Commission