

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 19, 2004 – 4:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM – 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL**

Acting Chairperson Etheredge called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Those in attendance were Etheredge, McKean, Ottesen, Malecek, Olsson, Reagle, and Anderson. Applicants: Joe Trnka and Melissa Edsill of Howard R. Green Company on behalf of the City of Waterloo were present at the meeting. Also in attendance was staff members Chris Western and Morgan Hoosman.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Malecek to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2004 regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ottesen, and passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ottesen to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by McKean, and passed unanimously.

Agenda Items

Request by Howard R. Green Company on behalf of the City of Waterloo for approval of the documentation of the house located at 218 Elm Street to be demolished.

The applicant's representation, Mr. Trnka, stated that he was brought into the demolition project to evaluate the ineligibility of the property and the extent of recordation required by SHPO. Trnka stated the 1987 survey of the building stated that it could be eligibility for historical significance contributing to the Rath Packing Co. neighborhood, and the 1994 survey noted the building could be individually eligible for architectural significance. The research conducted determined that Dr. Harned, a dentist, did not locate his practice at that located in relation to Rath Packing Co., and he may have simply located there to take advantage of the high dense neighborhood. It was also found that the original owner was Anton Worm, and the individual had no history in the City of Waterloo. Also, the building changed hands numerous times over the years. Trnka stated that he did not deem the building individually eligible for the National Register for Historic Places due to the fact that neighborhood has suffered a loss of real property, and the building itself is not in good condition. Therefore, Trnka stated that the Commission should focus attention to whether the building is deemed eligible by local standards. If it is eligible, the documentation submitted may not be adequate. But, if the building is not eligible, the documentation would be sufficient and there is no need for recordation of the building. Malecek questioned if there were other buildings in the 1994 that were deemed of Richardson-Romanesque style. Trnka that he was not aware of Richardson-Romanesque style properties in the city, but he did not believe that the property in question was of that style either. Etheredge stated that the documentation submitted was

sufficient. *It was moved by Malecek to approve the request as submitted. The motion was seconded by McKean. Passed and carried unanimously.*

Discussion Items

New Commission Members

Reagle questioned if the six new commission members would receive any training or materials to help them become oriented with their duties for Historic Preservation. Hoosman stated that staff had been working with Kerry McGrath, the State CLG Coordinator, who has offered to give training for the new commissions, and a time would be scheduled in the next month. Other commissioners also had similar questions about their responsibilities as a commissioner, and gave suggestions to help with the process.

Hearing no further discussion, Acting Chairperson Etheredge adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Hoosman
Associate Planner
Staff to the Commission