

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING –OCTOBER 7, 2002 –12:00 P.M.  
SNOWDEN HOUSE – 316 WASHINGTON STREET**

Chairperson Levi called the special meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Commission members in attendance were Aronson, Etheredge, Pearson, and Levi. Also in attendance were Allen & Wendy from the Grout Museum District and two representatives from Prairie Construction.

It was motioned by Aronson and seconded by Pearson to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the repair of the East Porch of the Snowden House located at 316 Washington Street.

With a motion on the floor the Commission moved to the discussion of the needed repairs to the porch. Levi led the discussion of the foundation installation. Nick Gehl of Prairie Construction pointed out that the existing base of the porch would remain and they would excavate below it to install a foundation for the porch. Gehl also noted the other proposed repairs would be roof replacement, trim along the building, the removal, repair and replacement of the gutters, the addition of a railing or curb along the edge of the porch. The decision between the installation of a railing or the installation of the curb would have to rely on the recommendation and requirements of the City of Waterloo Building Department. There would also be a sloping sidewalk added to the existing porch, however the Commission was not as concerned with this addition as it would not be a permanent addition to the site, nor was the sidewalk original. Levi noted the curb should follow the height and thickness of existing woodwork present, if possible, to better assimilate the additions.

The Commission reiterated to the Contractor and Owners that the main goal of the Commission to ensure that the structure be repaired with minimal change to the external experience. The Commission questioned whether the existing screen door would be removed in the repairs. The representation from the Grout District stated the door was not original to the house and they were having a difficult time keeping the screen in the door repaired. The Commission did note they would not review the removal of the door, as it was not an original part of the house.

Gehl raised the question about the importance or originality of the plantings along the porch. They were determined not to be original and may have to be removed and replaced during the construction on the site.

There currently was the motion by Aronson and second by Pearson to approve the request. The motion passed and carried unanimously.

With no further discussion, Levi called for a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Etheredge motioned to adjourn the meeting, Aronson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Edsill  
Staff to Commission