

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 25, 2005 – 5:00 P.M.
WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY – MEETING ROOM A**

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

Those in attendance were Malecek, Olsson, McKean, Ottesen, Newton, Morgan, Ottesen, and Quirk. Also in attendance were staff member Morgan Hoosman, and community member Michael McGee.

Approval of Agenda

Malecek requested the following discussion items be added to the agenda: Gleason—925 Sycamore Street property and 2006 Historic Preservation Activities.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Etheredge to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2005 regular meeting. Seconded by Ottesen, and passed unanimously.

Agenda Items

There were no agenda items this month

Discussion Items

Governor Boies Grave Preservation—Elmwood Cemetery

Michael McGee, a community member, requested to discuss with the Commission the grave of Governor Boies located in Elmwood Cemetery. McGee stated there is a large commemorative column over the grave that is currently in bad condition. McGee noted the column was beginning to lean, and could collapsing destroy potential. McGee wanted to make the Commission aware of the current state of disrepair of the gravesite, and wanted to know if the Commission would be able to assist with the acquiring of grants to preserve the site. McKean questioned if Elmwood Cemetery was interested to fund the preservation of the gravesite, which McGee stated Elmwood Cemetery does not have the monies to repair the column. McGee also noted that all other historic sites in Iowa related to Governor Boies no longer exist, and there is no family locally to be found to assist. Olsson suggested the national organization, Save Our Sculpture, might have funding available to repair the site. Hoosman suggested the issue of Gov. Boies grave preservation be deferred to the Historic Property Rehabilitation and Redevelopment committee, and if there are able to find possible funding sources then staff could forward them to McGee.

Walnut Neighborhood Homes

Hoosman stated there was no update on the preservation of the Bickley House at 407 Pine Street or the demolition of 205 Walnut and 415 Pine Street. McKean stated he had

been in contact with an individual who previously lived in the house and who was also a Katrina Evacuee. McKean stated the individual was currently working to purchase the property for \$12,000 from the current property. Hoosman questioned who was the current property the individual was purchasing the property since the deed is held in the name of the dissolved Walnut Historic Neighborhood Association. McKean agreed to forward the contact information for the potential purchaser to staff. Ottesen also stated that Donna Nelson had expressed an interest in the potential purchase of the property.

925-927 Sycamore Street Historic Property—Joe Gleason

Malecek questioned if Gleason was able to obtain a building permit from the City. Hoosman stated she had not heard the latest information on the Gleason property, but the city attorney had completed the development agreement for Gleason to sign in order to allow building permits to be issued.

2006 Historic Preservation Activities

Malecek suggested the following five activities for the Commission to work on in the upcoming year:

- 1) Bylaws & Design Guidelines
- 2) Preservation Month Activities
- 3) HRDP Preservation Plan Grant
- 4) Highland signage
- 5) Historic Buildings Preservation

The Commission discussed potential activities for Preservation Month in May including the walking/driving tour of the Columbia Circle area, the preservation awards, and an event in conjunction with Highland. Morgan noted the Highland Board had plans to place a plaque at a trolley site, which could be combined with the signage at the entrance of the District. Olsson suggested the preservation of historic buildings include the potential local designation or National Register nomination for the Masonic Temple and the Elk's Club.

Commission subcommittees

Hoosman requested that the Survey, Evaluation, and Designation committee be scheduled to work on the HRDP Preservation Plan Grant since the Ordinance, Design Guidelines, and Preservation Plan committee will begin work on the Design Guidelines. The Commission agreed by consensus to allow the Survey Evaluation, and Designation committee to oversee the grant.

Other Items

McGee noted to the Commission the concern regarding the Mullan House located on West 1st Street could be sold in the future and converted into apartments, and wanted the Commission to assist with the preservation of the property. McGee also noted the plaque along University Avenue commemorating the George Hanna family was damaged and asked if it was possible for him to repair it. Hoosman stated McGee should check with the Engineer Department to ensure it is permitted to repair the plaque if it is located within the right-of-way.

Hearing no further discussion chairperson Malecek adjourned the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Hoosman
Associate Planner
Staff to the Commission