

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – November 18, 2016– 4:30 P.M.
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall**

Ottesen called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Commission Members in attendance were: Ottesen, Jensen, Price, Orlando and Jaacks

Commission Member(s) absent were: Linda and Stevens.

Others Present: Tim Jamison from The Courier, Pat Morrissey City Council representative, and John Dornoff – Planning Staff

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Jensen, seconded by Orlando to approve the agenda of the November 15, 2016 regular meeting with an amendment to talk about the Survey. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Orlando seconded by Jaacks to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 with amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings

Hearing to nominate the Mt. Moriah Church at 633 Walnut, Waterloo, IA to the Preservation Iowa's most endangered building list for 2017.

Dornoff read staff report.

The question was asked by Morrissey what happens next? Dornoff explained that the nomination will go to the state and the state will name 11 properties that it considers the most endangered. The state then submits on the projects to the national list of most endangered properties.

Dornoff also pointed out that there is a few cities in Iowa that have their own list of most endangered properties.

Motion made by Jensen, seconded by Price to Nominate the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church to Preservation Iowa's Most Endangered Properties List. Passed Unanimously.

It was also decided that the Historic Preservation Commission will look into creating its own list of most endangered properties and putting it on its new website when it is up.

Reports

1. Main Street

Ottesen noted that Winter Wonder' Loo will be held on November 26 in conjunction with Small Business Saturday.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

Morrissey talked to Candy Streed who is at a conference this week and she stated that the commission needs to work hard to insure that they submit strong applications for grants and national landmarks, as there is very strong competition.

3. Grout Museum

Morrissey stated that the Grout is pursuing a Strategic Planning Initiative and seeking active donations. It is also working on getting information out that donations are important and is trying to replenish its endowments. The museum also has new exhibits that are coming online.

4. Rath Administration Update

Dornoff will consult with Tim Andera to get the latest updates on the Rath Administration building.

Discussion Items/Possible Actin Items

1. 519 E. Rd. Street/Walnut District

Morrissey said that progress is moving very slowly on this project but it is moving.

2. City Owned Properties within Neighborhood Associations

Jaacks suggested that Chris Western needs to sit down with realtors find out any suggestions they have and what can be done to get houses sold. He also suggested that we look at getting funding from The Federal Home Loan.

Morrissey asked if that would be for all over town and the answer is it could be. Need to collaborate with Rudy from community Development. They cannot get funding for homes that are listed as contributing to a historic district even if the district has never been created. Noel Anderson is meeting with Rudy and his staff on Thursday to discuss the situation.

3. Funding

Orlando stated that the deadline for the Community Foundation grants are March 1st. Limit maybe around \$25000 and there is smaller grants available. The question is will the commission be able to accept private funding because it is a city commission? Dornoff will research.

Morrissey said that the commission should send a request for CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) funding, and earmark for 2 surveys.

Orlando said the commission requested a budget last year but was denied however, they did not go through the CIP program.

Morrissey said for the commission to apply for the CIP, do it now, submit the request to Dornoff and have him send in the request. The council is not involved in the CIP yet it is the department heads at the present time.

4. Iowa African-American Trail

Dornoff said that there is been no word yet on the grant application for the project. Dornoff talked to Charles Pearson for a hour yesterday discussing the project and said that Pearson is not only looking at

African American heritage in the area but also Irish and German Immigrants. It was asked what the funding would go for and Dornoff stated was for an interpretive trail that would explain African-American migration to the area and talk about historic points in the area.

5. Discussion

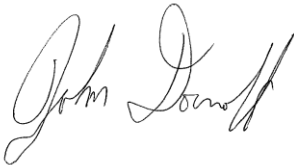
Dornoff had a conversation with Linda who is going in for knee surgery. She has completed the survey and will send Dornoff a link to it shortly so he can send it out to the Commission for them to look it over and get feedback on it.

Dornoff went over maps that he created over the last month including ones of the Walnut area, the Triangle and the results of the 2008 Historic Preservation Plan.

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dornoff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John Dornoff
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