

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – November 18, 2014– 4:30 P.M.
2nd Floor Police Library, City Hall**

Ottesen called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Commission Members in attendance were: Price, Cass, Linda, George, Ottesen and Andera.

Commission Member(s) absent were: Stevens.

Others Present: Adrienne Miller- Staff to the Commission, Chris Western Planning and Zoning Staff and one member of the public.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Price, seconded by George to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Linda seconded by Price to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting with one change. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings

No Request Submitted

Reports

1. Main Street

Ottesen stated that holiday decorations will be going up downtown on Friday, November 21st.

2. Silos and Smokestacks

No report.

3. Grout Museum

No report.

4. Rath Administration Update

Andera indicated that the structure was not completely enclosed and it did not appear that much progress had been made on the building.

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. 515 & 519 E 3rd Street:

Miller indicated that the Building & Grounds Committee tabled the request for four (4) weeks in order for all parties involved to submit a proposal of plans that would include a timeline and funding. The next time the committee would meet would be December 1st. Western questioned what the commission's view is on the homes. Ottesen stated that the commission would like to

establish a district in the area and if these homes were demolished it would lessen the possibility of establishing a district. Linda noted that she sees these two homes as vital components to the area and district. George questioned if the House of Hope had considered refurbishing the homes. Ottesen noted that House of Hope would not have the funding to rehabilitate the homes. Western noted that the homes would need to be brought up to code and there would be a possibility they would have to follow commercial codes, which are more strict than residential, in turn costing more money.

George questioned where the commission would be doing the best or the community and City of Waterloo. Price indicated the Walnut Street area would be close to downtown and would be an extension of the historical movement that has been taking place downtown. Western noted that there are a number of rentals in the Walnut Street area and that it may be difficult to have the owners agree to a historical district.

Linda indicated that the commission should set a process for setting up new districts, including having information for property owners that includes additional information on historical renovations. Western noted that the commission should look into going to training with the state that would go over basic information on designation of a historic districts and structures. Miller indicated that she can research any possible training programs.

Ottesen questioned if the city can cross reference a list of properties to be demolished with potential district areas. Miller and Western indicated that they would be able to cross reference the lists and bring it to the next Commission meeting.

Linda questioned if 415 Walnut Church had any plans to be considered a historic site. Andera noted that the church is recognized on the National Register of Historical Places. Ottesen indicated that the commission could nominate the church for one of Iowa's most endangered Historical properties.

2. Preserve Iowa Summit August 21st - 23rd

Miller indicated that this item will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 5:50.

Respectfully submitted,



Adrienne Miller,
Associate Planner