

Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission

July 10, 2017

City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Andy Andrews, Dianna Holmes, Phyllis Brummitt, Carol Foss, and Marie Brady-Whitcanack. Mark Lair, City Council Representative and John Luna, City Representative. Absent: Dan Reppert. Guests: David Varley, Caroline & Richard Sykes from Portland, OR, Lex Whitcanack and Linda Lair

Andy Andrew called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

A motion to approve the Agenda moved by Carol Foss, seconded by Marie Brady-Whitcanack. Approved.

The Minutes of June 12, 2017 were discussed. Motion to approve by Marie Brady-Whitcanack, seconded by Carol Foss. Approved.

Financial Report: Balance of \$4,041.20 remained unchanged.

CORRESPONDENCE

Members acknowledged receiving several e-mails from state historical representative, Paula Mohr.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Endangered Properties: Demolition Permits were issued for 3125 Ave O and 615 -22nd Street. Members determined both locations had already been demolished. Members requested a 30-day review of permits in the future. In reference to the 2 properties, Carol Foss moved for approval, seconded by Marie Brady-Whitcanack. Discussion indicated public education was needed in demolition vs. deconstruction.
2. Downtown/Main Street vacant windows: Marie Brady-Whitcanack indicated Main Street Director would like more of the pictures already placed in the vacant windows to cover additional vacant windows. Commission members thought this an excellent idea.
3. Historic District Address Plaques: Andy Andrews indicated there has been interest in the plaques. He gave additional monies to be deposited to John Luna. Anyone interested in a plaque should contact Andy at the North Lee County Historical Museum.

NEW BUSINESS

1. No updated report on 1301 Ave I. Party is still working with the City.
2. No additional information on the DAR Chimney move or the Battleship Maine Plaque location.
3. There is still a commission member vacancy. Anyone in the city limits would be eligible. Call City Hall.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. The Battlefield is being worked on with removal of old surfacing, replacing with clean dirt, and grass seed to be sown. A flag pole will be purchased with a \$3000 donation. Planting of trees will be in August time frame.
2. Fliers need to be developed for distribution in the Historic Residential District. It appears people are unaware of the benefits of the district and property integrity needs to be maintained. It is hoped most residences will obtain a plaque for their properties.
3. Iowan Motel demolition is temporarily stopped due to asbestos, but a large portion is already down by The Miller Excavating Company.

Phyllis Brummitt moved for adjournment at 6:14 p.m. with Marie Brady-Whitcanack seconding. The next commission meeting will be Monday, August 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianna Holmes, Commission Member