

Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes

May 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Andy Andrews at 5:35 p.m. at the City Hall, Council Chambers.

Members present: Andy Andrews, Bob Morawitz, Dianna Holmes, Gwen Brown, Phyllis Brummitt, and City Liaison John Luna. Members absent Dan Reppert, excused; Council Liaison, Jason Huppert and Kris Schoene resigned.

The agenda was moved for approval by Dianna Holmes and seconded by Bob Morawitz. All agreed.

The minutes from the April 10, 2013 meeting were moved for approval by Bob Morawitz and seconded by Gwen Brown. All agreed.

A financial report was not available but per John Luna, City Liaison; but, there is about \$7800 in the account.

CORRESPONDENCE

A telephone call from Amy Hull, Main Street, was received in reference to the mortar test being done on the buildings being refurbished in the Main Street district. She will be giving an update on the results and a facade update at the June 10, 2013 meeting.

Notification was received that on Aug 22-24, 2013 in Burlington, IA a seminar will be held concerning Main Street and Historical Preservation. Anyone may attend.

OLD BUSINESS

New endangered buildings of the city discussed were 1211 Ave D and at 9th St & Ave C corner building.

In the April 8, 2013 minutes, Dan Reppert had been unable to complete the guidelines or request the city to proclaim May as the Historic Preservation Month. The commission members will ask Mr. Reppert to continue his efforts to complete the guidelines for May 2014. The commission members felt there are businesses and private individuals who are striving to maintain the historical integrity of our community whom the commission would like to acknowledge their efforts in the future.

Lyle Brown, co-chairman for the last phase of the Park-to-Park, presented the proposals received from consulting firms wishing to participate in this final phase. The commission discussed and accepted the proposal offered by the McDoux Preservation LLC, Steph McDougal, Principal of Kemah, Texas. Bob Morowitz motioned for the acceptance and seconded by Phyllis Brummitt. All present agreed. Letters of decision notifications will be sent to those offering proposals. The McDoux offer will be forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation of acceptance.

Due to the slow sales on the DVD's on Fort Madison, Bob Morowitz agreed to be the project leader to sell these DVD's via the Internet.

NEW BUSINESS

Kris Schoene resigned his commission effective immediately due to employment commitments.

The commission extended a Thank You to Mayor Randolph for his letters to the commissioners recognizing their work for the community of Fort Madison.

Andy Andrews spoke to the residents at The Madison in May, 2013 on the history of Fort Madison on behalf of the Preservation Commission and the North Lee County Historical Society. Andy learned from the residents as much as he was able to tell them about the bygone years of the city and area.

It was moved by Dianna Holmes and seconded by Bob Morowitz to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dianna Holmes