

Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission

November 10, 2014

City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Chairman Andy Andrews, Bob Morawitz, Dianna Holmes, Gwen Brown, Marie Brady-Whitcanack, Phyllis Brummitt, Dan Reppert, and John Luna-City Representative.

Guests: David Varley-City Manager

Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Gwen Brown, seconded by Phyllis Brummitt..

No minutes for September, 2014 has been submitted. Bob Morawitz moved for the approval of the Oct 13, 2014 minutes and seconded by Dianna Holmes

There was no change in the Treasurer's Report for \$6,796.20.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received in reference to the GSS Project.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The Park to Park District: The co-chair Gwen Brown reported the paperwork is in Washington DC. Consideration on the paperwork for approval could take as much as 45 days. Hopefully a definite answer will be available by our meeting in January. Payment for the consultant will be upon the Park to Park approval completion.
- 2) Endangered Property: None were noted. New submissions for demolition of buildings were for 1525 Ave G (The Furniture Store) and a shed at Hill Crest Cemetery. The commission requested notification be given 30 days prior to demolition for a historical perspective reply.
- 3) The DVD's: Inventory remains acceptable
- 4) ATSF 2913 discussion: Commission recommended combining the CB&Q depot and the ATSF 2913 to be placed on the National Historical List to be combined with the Business Historical District. Movement of the ATSF 2913 over to the east of the caboose by the Santa Fe Depot was discussed. Bob Morawitz motioned for the commission to support the city to accomplish this project, seconded by Marie Brady-Whitcanack.
- 5) Commission members Andy Andrews, Dan Reppert and Dianna Holmes agreed to continue with a new term until 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Commission discussed the GSS Project which is a part of the new railroad communication system. Since this system will not interfere with the Business Historical District, Gwen Brown motioned with Bob Morawitz second, the commission has no objection of this project.
- 2) There will be no formal December meeting. Commission business will be relayed to members as necessary.
- 3) Marie Brady-Whitcanack reported on the 20/20 Vision for Iowa Sustainability. She recommended a committee be developed to review a deconstruction vs. demolition concept possibly working with the prison industries, SCC or another college and the Preservation Station in Burlington.

- 4) Commission discussed possible seminars in reference to the Demolition vs Deconstruction for the public community.
- 5) Bob Morawitz has been posting historical pictures on Facebook-Your Probably from Fort Madison, if...this is a means of promoting our historical district, homes and businesses. It was noted that the Netherlands has a machine which now lays brick. We need to check if it is feasible for our community.

Bob Morawitz moved for adjournment, seconded by Dan Reppert at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is Jan 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., at City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted

Dianna Holmes, Commission Member