

Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission

October 12, 2015

City Hall Council Chambers

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

Guest: David Varley, City Manager

Chairman Morawitz called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

A motion to approve the Agenda moved by Andy Andrews, seconded by Mark Lair. Approved.

September 14, 2015 minutes were moved for approval by Andy Andrews, seconded by Mark Lair. Approved.

Financial Report: \$100.00 sent for the Preservation Iowa Membership Dues. New balance: \$6,696.20. Mark Lair moved to approve the report, Marie Brady-Whitcanack seconded. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

All members acknowledged receiving several e-mails from State Preservation Office and the Alliant Review. Discussed the One Room School House Seminar, stages and stage drops especially from the Viely School which is held by the NLCHS museum. Diane Kruse shared the stage drop at the seminar per Mr. Andrews.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Endangered Properties: No new properties submitted.
2. Demolition Permits: No permits were taken out during this time period.
3. Historic District: The commission's proposal for corner street signs will be presented to the City Council on Oct 20, at 7:00 pm.
4. Historic District celebration is still being delayed, pending signage placement for the Historical District identification areas. Bob Morawitz is checking on speaker availabilities.

NEW BUSINESS

1. What is next for the Historic District? Sign design and placement in the Old Settler's and Central Parks and strategic places around town to identify where the Historical Districts are located.
2. What is next for the Historic Preservation? Several ideas were discussed, including workshops on preserving wood windows (one recently held in Washington, IA); building storm doors (upcoming seminar in December per Bob Morawitz); writing a newsletter or placing articles in the newspaper in reference to preservation; education seminars for contractors, real estate agents and other interested parties; protecting the Historical Districts by working with the city for an ordinance of protection; better communication with the city on building permits and demolition permits; and determining possible sites for the next Historical District, area or building: such as Ave C, from 3rd St to 12th St, Richards Dr., Storms Ct., the Hispanic District of our community, City Cemetery, and the CBQ Rail Station.

Mark Lair moved for adjournment at 6:33 p.m. with Andy Andrews seconding. The next commission meeting will be Monday, November 9, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianna Holmes, Commission Member