

Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission

November 9, 2015

City Hall Council Chambers

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

Andy Andrews, temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

A motion to approve the Agenda moved by Dan Reppert, seconded by Phyllis Brummitt. Approved.

October 12, 2015 minutes were moved for approval by Mark Lair, seconded by Dan Reppert. Approved.

Financial Report: Balance of \$6,696.20 remained unchanged.

CORRESPONDENCE

All members acknowledged receiving several e-mails from state historical representatives. City Representative John Luna advised that commission, members Bob Morawitz and Marie Brady-Whitcanack terms would be expiring on Dec 31. Due to his election to City Council, Mark Lair will also be leaving the commission.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Endangered Properties: One member reported a property in the historical neighborhood was being changed from a historical building style to a modern style. Another member reported 2 buildings on Ave H showing neglect.
2. Demolition Permits: No permits were taken out during this time period.
3. Historic District: The commission's proposal for corner street signs was approved by the City Council at the Oct 20, 2015 City Council meeting.

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 will be placed in the spring. Celebration for the Residential Historical District will be in the spring/summer timeframe.
2. What's next for the Preservation? a) Andy Andrews is researching 1840's newspapers for additional historical data on the Historical Districts for business and residential. b) A priority will be to work with the city to get a basic ordinance in place to protect the integrity of the historical district. c) Discussed feasibility of which cemeteries might be placed on the historical list.
3. Dan Reppert moved to cancel the Dec 14, 2015 meeting, seconded by Marie Brady-Whitcanack. Approved.

Mark Lair moved for adjournment at 6:03 p.m. with Phyllis Brummitt seconding. The next commission meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianna Holmes, Commission Member