

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

May 7, 2018

5:30 pm – Fort Dodge City Council Chambers

MINUTES

Attendees: Rick Carle, Jenn Becker, Susan Ahlers Leman, Carol Foltz, and Meg Beshey
Liaisons: Carissa Harvey and Kris Patrick
Absent: Jason Laird

1. New Business

- a. April 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Carol made a motion to approve the April Meeting Minutes. Jenn Seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b. Commission Education
 - o Overview
Carissa gave a general explanation of what the commission education will entail: short briefs about our local history as well as a brief about an area of historical preservation. A sign up sheet was passed around for members to sign up to present a brief each month.
 - o Fort Dodge History Brief – Jason Laird
Jason was absent, so Carissa gave a brief overview of Jason's topic: Duncombe Elementary School. Carol added some information. Jason will present at a later meeting.
 - o Preservation Brief – [Historic Signs](#) – Carissa Harvey
Carissa presented some information about historic signs: different types, how they have changed over the years, etc. There is an online source she recommended we visit for more information.
- c. [FORUM](#) – July 18-22
Susan made a motion to pay for two Commission Members' registration and 2 nights in the hotel. Carol seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. Old Business

- a. Board Membership
The group shared some ideas of potential male members. Members who are connected to them personally will contact and see if they are interested.
- b. Discuss Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
*Susan made a motion to elect Jenn to Secretary. Carol seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
Susan made a motion to elect Carol to Vice Chair. Jenn seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.*
- c. May – Preservation Month

Susan made a motion to pay for a framed page from the Messenger for Roger. Jenn seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was reminded that the proclamation at City Council will be 5/14 at 6:00 PM.

Jenn offered to pick up the traveling display from the Court House and move to Becker Florists. From there, it will be moved to Olde Boston's. Jenn will call first to verify.

d. 2018 Project Prioritization and Action Planning

- Orientation Packet/Bylaws Update

Discussed in new business.

- Commission Education

Discuss in new business.

- Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart

Susan shared an update. The members of the parish she has spoken to have informed her the decision is up to the bishop, and there is no lead on what that will look like.

Ideas for our role were discussed: a potential book to document the process, momentos for members (Duncombe bricks, woodworking). Questions were raised: Is demolition the only option? When will the bishop make his decision?

- Mural Program

Susan gave an overview of the mural program. Explaining first we'll start with historic exhibits similar to Ann Arbor – this also expands on the existing plaques.

The second piece to this are historic small-scale (window) murals. The third piece are the large scale historic wall murals.

Plaque Program

Rick explained that we will be mailing letters to property owners explaining they can purchase a plaque stating their building is on the National Register for \$225. There are 24 eligible properties.

3. Comments from the Board

4. Comments from the Public

Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32. Meg seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.