

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

July 2, 2018

5:30 pm – Fort Dodge City Council Chambers

Attendees: Rick Carle, Jenn Becker, Carol Foltz, Meg Beshey

Liaisons: Carissa Harvey

Absent: Susan Ahlers Leman, Jason Laird, Kris Patrick

MINUTES

1. New Business

a. June 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Carol made a motion to approve the June minutes. Meg seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Commission Education

o Fort Dodge History [Brief](#) – Jenn Becker

Jenn provided a brief regarding the Oak Hill Historic District. Various facts were shared about the neighborhood and individual houses.

o Preservation Brief – Carol

Checklist for what to look for when you enter a building. What are the historic values?

- Shape of the building
- Roof/roof features
- Openings or windows
- Projections in recesses (projects out or recesses in)
- Trim and secondary features
- Materials from a distance
- Setting (alignment, relationship to sidewalk)
- Materials at close range
- Craft details
- Individual spaces (hallway)
- Related spaces/sequences (archways, doorways)
- Interior features
- Surface finishes and materials
- Exposed structure

c. Centennial Celebration

1104 1st Avenue North is the only one turning 100. Potentially Carver Building if it was dedicated in 1918.

Brainstormed ideas:

- At the building itself or at the market?
- Partner with Build a Better Block? - September, October, November events to potentially partner with.
- Observation rather than full celebration.

Group decision: partner with Main Street Build a Better Block

d. Warden/Wahkonsa Update – Request for Support

Developers are trying to work through the historic tax credits at the federal level. KDG is having issues at the state and federal level because the historical commission joined the two structures as one. Our next step would be to amend the historic district splitting the two structures.

Splitting the structures: Pro: developers can move forward / Con: allow east half to be torn down
East structure being torn down: Pro: rec center / Con: losing historic building

If we are supportive, they need a letter of support. Matt Brown would lead and we would give approval.

The commission asked a few clarifying questions about the project:

Rick asked about the parking ramp.

Carol asked about the performing arts center.

Carol asked about the contributing structures, the annex, and potentially losing TC Mae's building too, which is a contributing structure.

Carissa explained those present can vote in person and Carissa can contact the other 2 people.

VOTE: *Carol moved we update the listing for the Warden and Wakonsa Annex to be two buildings and provide a letter to support so that the company that is renovating can proceed to get their tax credits. All contingent on other 2.*

2. Old Business

a. Board Membership

Carissa has not heard back from some of the people she has contacted. Effie Hill indicated she is not able to. Meg will follow up with Kaleb Ferry.

b. FORUM – July 18-22

Carissa clarified about a hotel. Meg said she will probably need one, but will find out for sure. Carissa will book a hotel just in case. Jenn can no longer attend FORUM due to a conflict. Carol will check to see if she can get time off. Carissa will check into how much the hotel will cost and how much the commission will be able to cover.

c. 2018 Project Prioritization and Action Planning

o Orientation Packet/Bylaws Update (Review proposed by-laws)

Carissa provided the bylaws that were drafted by the state. They cover everything our bylaws do and more. If we could each take some time to review and we will revisit at the next meeting. Per our current bylaws we can make amends we see fit.

o Commission Education

Bylaws will be a big part of this education. Bylaws currently say each member will attend some sort of training to educate themselves.

o Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart

Jenn reached out to Monsignor Kevin McCoy for an update. There is no update at this time. Jenn also asked who we could begin having a collaborative conversation with about the preservation and documentation process, but Monsignor did not answer this question.

o Mural Program

Susan was not present to discuss the Ann Arbor phone call conversation. Meg discussed some ideas she's shared with Carissa (i.e. painted objects around downtown). Carissa discussed our need to develop a scope for this project.

Carissa has been in contact with Steve about the photographs. Meg explained the process (replicating photos through painting). Carol explained that before 1923 there should be no copyright issues. Carissa proposed as a commission we search for some photos for the windows.

o Plaque Program

Carissa has the letters for Rick to sign. She will get them to him.

3. Comments from the Board

N/A

4. Comments from the Public

N/A

Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19. Meg seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.