

# Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

## April 3, 2019

5:30 pm – Fort Dodge Second Floor Conference Room

### MINUTES

**Attendees:** Rick Carle, Jenn Becker, Meg Beshey, Jason Laird

**Liaisons:** Carissa Harvey

**Absent:** Susan Ahlers Leman, Carol Foltz, Kris Patrick

#### 1. New Business

- a. February 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

*Jason made a motion to approve the February minutes. Meg seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.*

- b. Commission Education

- Fort Dodge History Brief : Rick
  1. Dinner on Duck Island - Messenger article
- Preservation Brief: Meg
  1. Stained and leaded glass

#### 2. Old Business

- a. 2018 Project Prioritization and Action Planning

- Orientation Packet/Bylaws Update
  1. Carissa walked us through our binders, which includes the following:
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- Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart
  1. Jenn sent grant to parish. Timing is off for this year, but maybe next. Will keep pushing to get information and encourage ideas for restoration.
  2. Carissa explained a Steeple Square Project in Dubuque, which could be an idea for the churches in Fort Dodge. She has communicated this project and the opportunities for grant funds to restore the churches with city manager, David Fierke.
- Historical exhibits
  1. Carissa explained that she and Susan are trying to find a time to meet about this. The grant is due in August, so it may not be in the cards for this year.
- Plaque Program
  1. Carissa and Rick researched the buildings that were still in need of a plaque (3), Sears building, 814 1st Avenue South, and First Methodist Church.
- Coppin chapel

1. Scope is to obtain funds to plan for rehabilitation. The building is in need of assessment and historic assessment. Figuring out the costs of the estimates and priority of improvements is the next step. The Deardorf/Smeltzer trusts were mentioned as potential funding opportunities. The grant was submitted on the 19th.
- Board membership
  1. Carissa asked Skyla Porter to put our board membership vacancy in the Growth Alliance e-news; it is also posted on facebook.
- Facebook
  1. For preservation month this year, we will be posting a lot on facebook rather than a traveling display like we did last year around town. Carissa will talk to Carol about working on this and getting some photos and information posted.
- 100 year buildings
  1. Anniversary celebrations in fall 2019 - begin researching which buildings these are.
- Preservation at it's best
  1. Carissa emailed about this. Nominations are due April 27th. Might consider nominating Phillips Middle School (which Carissa is looking into scheduling a tour date for commission members interested).
- Preservation month
  1. Rick will read the proclamation on May 13 at City Council (6:00 PM).
- Preserve Iowa Summit
  1. It is in June in Newton this year. Registration is \$55, and due on May 24. Maggie is going Thursday and Friday. Next meeting, Carissa would like to know who is planning to attend. The seminar schedules can be found on the website. In our bylaws, it states we will attend seminars such as these to stay informed.
- Historic buildings
  1. It is on the agenda for city council to discuss the purchase of the building across from the Warden/Municipal building (with parking on roof). No plan for this yet, but looking into purchasing for future development.
  2. As a commission, we need to know the number of historic buildings within our historic district so we can keep our standing.

### **3. Comments from the Board**

### **4. Comments from the Public**

*Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.. Meg seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.*