

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: February 17, 2016

PRESENT: Merle Hanson, Kendall Larson, Susan Briggs, Carolyn Larson, Andy Bloedorn, Preston Lawing and Peter Shortridge

ABSENT: Mary Edel Beyer, Wes Hamilton, and Dennis McEntaffer

STAFF: Myron White, Development Coordinator

VISITORS: Representatives of the Windom Park Neighborhood

1. **Call to Order**

Kendall Larson called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

2. **Approval of January Minutes**

Preston Lawing made a motion to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes, seconded by Andy Bloedorn. All those present voted aye.

3. **National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (CAMP) Feedback & Wrap-up**

The Commission provided insight and feedback on the camp as follows:

- Commissioner Bloedorn indicated it was well worth the time invested.
- Chairperson Larson asked Commissioners to review the materials provided on the thumb drive.
- Commissioner Shortridge said that as a new Commissioner, it was a good orientation; he also noted that in the downtown historic districts, some of the City and National Historic Districts don't seem to align.

4. **Opportunity Winona**

Myron offered that the Opportunity Winona newsletter was now available.

5. **Ongoing Business**

A. Committee Reports

- Web Development: Indicated they had been working with both Julie Johnson and Hanna Hutchins on content.
- Communications: Members of the Commission expressed that the bus tour following CAMP was very informational.

B. Woodlawn Cemetary

Staff indicated they had met with Tim Leahy of Woodlawn Cemetery. The Cemetery expressed an interest in being recognized on the National Register and asked the HPC for assistance in securing a Certified Local Government

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Grant to conduct the necessary survey. HPC members expressed a willingness to be of assistance and asked staff to keep them informed as we investigate an application for funding.

C. Windom Park Public Information Meeting

Staff provided an overview of information, provided property owners and offered a power point presentation that provided an overview of the district and the process involved in creating a Historic District. Dave Christianson, of 275 Harriet Street, spoke in favor of the process and indicated he and his neighbors were anxious to begin.

- Staff indicated that property owners at 305 Winona Street and 227 Wilson had expressed interest in being included in the proposed district. Commissioners expressed a willingness to include those two properties at this time.
- Several members of the Windom Park neighborhood stated they would welcome the designation and encouraged the HPC to move forward.
- The Commission and staff fielded questions about:
 - Signage:
If approved, would there be signage to identify the Historic District? The HPC expressed they would encourage signage for the proposed district.
 - Property Valuation:
Residents asked if there was any information on how such a designation might impact the value of their property? HPC members and staff stated available studies have indicated that properties within a district typically had a higher value and held their value better during economic downturns.

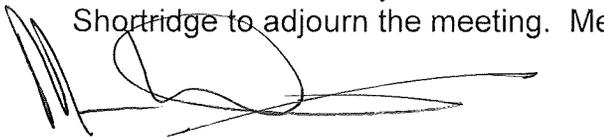
The HPC Commission directed staff to bring a resolution for consideration to the March 9th Commission meeting.

6. Other Business

A question was raised regarding the local designation of schools. It was indicated that would be an agenda item for the April 13th meeting.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawing and seconded by Commissioner Shortridge to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.



Myron White
Development Coordinator