

MINUTES
OF
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Saturday, January 11, 2014

The Historic Preservation Commission met on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. Commission members present included Leah Rogers, Dick Thomas, Ashley Anthony, Ed Sauter, Sue Hargas, Dianne Osmun, and Guy Booth.

Minutes of the December 7, 2013 meeting were presented. The Minutes should be corrected to show that Sue Hargas was not present at the December 7 meeting. Upon correction of the Minutes, Ed Sauter moved and Ashley Anthony seconded the motion to approve the Minutes. The motion carried.

Leah Rogers gave a report that the budget of the commission indicates there still is a balance for the fiscal year. Major expenses will occur within the next several months, so the budget will be expended in full by the end of the fiscal year.

Guy Booth indicated that there has not been a meeting regarding the demolition ordinance since our last HPC meeting. He anticipates completion of the work on the ordinance within the next month.

Leah and Dick reported on the status of the state preservation summit which will be held next August. The proposal submitted by our commission has been accepted. Plans for presentation included Leah discussing rural resources and preservation of these resources in Linn County, Ed Sauter discussing the website, and Mary Iber to present information on the digitization of the newspaper so it can be accessed through the internet. We will have to find a member who can do the newspaper presentation because of Mary's death. Dick also indicated that there will be a tour of Mount Vernon. This is being planned by Dick and by Joe Jennison.

The Micki Woods project is still awaiting response to our grant proposal. We should hear by the end of January. If the proposal is approved, we will be able to enter into the contract for the restoration services.

Leah indicates that the proposal regarding completion of cemetery records is ready to be presented to the City Council. Judy Lass will assist in the presentation. It is anticipated that the City Council will approve the expenditure to complete the preservation of the records.

There hasn't been any additional work on the archives of the commission. Sarah Kelly is out of town at this time, so it is anticipated that this will become active again when she returns from France.

Ed gave a report on the proposed porch tour for 2014. The committee is looking at late September/early October for the event. The committee will identify the area of town in which to have the tour. They will also identify topics to be presented on porches during the tour.

Leah indicates that David Wadsworth is going to be available to present a seminar on preservation of existing windows. The fee for his presentation will be \$1,000. Leah will contact Mr. Wadsworth to identify a date in March, 2014 to make his presentation.

The Commission discussed progress on determining what properties in Mount Vernon may have potential for being listed on the National Register. Ed Sauter will prepare a list of the properties and identify the current owners. We will then make a decision as to how best to contact owners to determine their interest in making an application for inclusion on the National Register. We will be able to give information to owners explaining the process and the expense involved, and we will have members of the Commission be available to discuss this with the property owners.

Under new business, the Commission discussed the tragic loss of Mary Iber, who died very unexpectedly. Dick will prepare a letter to Mary's family expressing the profound appreciation we have had for Mary's contribution to our Historic Preservation Commission. Mary has made important and significant contributions to our Commission, both in the area of the work on the newspaper digitization, the coordination of the archival documents in the Cornell College Collection and input on the website expansion. Her good spirit and ever present smile will be sorely missed by our Commission.

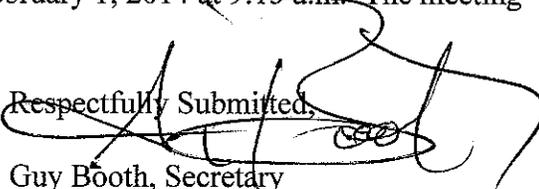
Leah indicates that the CLG annual report is due at the end of February. She may have questions that need to be answered and she will contact individual members. Any member that attended any of the educational seminars should notify Leah so they can be included in the ongoing education section of the annual report.

Dick Thomas reported that Cornell is in the process of finalizing a master plan for the expansion of the college. Cornell has retained a firm to assist with the Master Plan and Cornell would like to have input from the Historic Preservation Commission. Guy Booth moved, and Ashley Anthony seconded a motion to have Leah Rogers and Dick Thomas serve as the liaison from HPC with Cornell. The motion carried. Ed Sauter will also be involved as a commission member in working with the college so Cornell appreciates the philosophy of Historic Preservation and to make sure there is a clear understanding of the Historic Preservation ordinance for the City of Mount Vernon.

Guy Booth mentioned under new business the effort being made by Ed Fordyce to preserve the log cabin that is on his farm property. It appears Paul Morf would like to have the log cabin moved from Ed's property to Paul's property. Leah Rogers has studied this building and is well aware of its significance as an early part of Linn County's history.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Guy Booth, Secretary