

MINUTES  
OF  
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Saturday, March 5, 2016

The Historic Preservation Commission met on March 5, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. Present were Leah Rogers, Hugh Lifson, Mary Evans, Patty Westerkamp, Carine Klein, and Guy Booth.

The Minutes of the February 6, 2016 meeting were discussed. Hugh Lifson requested that the Minutes be amended to indicate the artist of the portrait of the daughter of Lord Hamilton was Lawrence Alma-Tadema. Hugh indicates that the portrait had been in the possession of Cornell College but is currently missing. Upon motion made by Mary Evans, seconded by Hugh Lifson, the amended Minutes were approved.

Leah Rogers gave two reports. She indicates the CLG annual report has been submitted to the state. There has been no response, but generally speaking, there is not a written approval of the report by the state.

Leah also gave a report on the Micky Woods mural project. The City has constructed the support for the hanging of the mural. Prior to attaching the mural to the supporting frame, the City wants to paint the wall. Sue Hargas has provided advice on the color for the paint. We still need to have the frame for the mural constructed. Ed Sauter has been working with Jim Englebrecht regarding the frame for the mural. As soon as the frame is ready, we will then schedule the installation. Tony Kartsonas, the person responsible for the preservation work, should be notified so he can be present for the installation of the mural. Hopefully this will come together within the next thirty to sixty days.

Mary Evans gave a report on the update of the website. She continues to add material to the website. Dick Thomas is providing information he has prepared and acquired over the years. Our consultant at Cornell College, Brooke Bergantzel is assisting in working on the consistency of entry of information into the website.

Mary also has submitted a request for the purchase of Hollinger boxes, as well as acid-free paper for preservation of records of the City. Attached is a list of the records to be stored in the Hollinger boxes. Mary gave an interesting history of what had happened to some of the City Council Minutes which were rescued from the City Hall when it burned down in the mid-seventies. Upon motion made by Hugh Lifson and seconded by Carine Klein, the purchase of the Hollinger boxes and acid-free paper in the amount of \$156.95 was approved. Mary also had questions about other photographs and documents and material she has been discovering as she works in the archive room. Mary did indicate that one of the City Council Minutes record book is deteriorated and will need to be re-bound at some point. We will look into finding a company that can do the repairwork on the book.

Hugh Lifson reported that he is working on details of a trip for the commission to Davenport, Iowa. It may be held in conjunction with the state historic preservation conference which would be mid-September. He will continue to report on details of his plans.

Hugh also mentioned that his Chalk the Walk painting, if it is going to be about campaign buttons of presidents who have visited Mount Vernon, should also include George H. W. Bush.

The next scheduled meeting for the Commission is April 2, 2016 at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Booth, Secretary

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**Request to purchase Hollinger Boxes & acid free paper for preservation of the following books:**

**Box 1 (Gaylord \$11.90)**

**L14 W9 H3½**

- Iowa Official Register 1903
- Road Districts? 1882-1887, 1893-1896, 1895-1907
- Township Clerk's combined Record & Account Book 1907-1916

**Box 2 (Gaylord \$11.90)**

**L14 W9 H4**

- Township Records 1880-1906
- Board of Health 1903-1934
- Board of Health 1885-1900

**Box 3**

**L11 W8 H6**

- History of Linn County Vol I & II

**Box 4 (Hollinger Metal Edge \$19.60)**

**L18 W13 H5**

- Mount Vernon Lisbon Garden Club, 25 years

**Box 5 (Gaylord \$19.25)**

**L12½ W8½ H1½**

- Old Cemetery Platted 1876-1919

**Box 6 (Gaylord \$17.85)**

**L14½ W10 H3**

- City of Mount Vernon Index to Ordinances

**Box 7 (Gaylord \$17.85)**

**L15 W12 H3**

- City of Mount Vernon Council Minutes June 3, 1881 – October 23, 1899

**Box 8 (Gaylord \$18.15)**

**L16 W12 H8½**

- City of Mount Vernon Council Minutes 1899 - 1914

Box 9 (Gaylord \$18.15)

L16 W12 H3½

- City of Mount Vernon Council Minutes December 1914 – March 1926

Box 10

Four Assessor's Books 1900 – 1924

- L17 W14½ H3

Acid free paper

(Hollinger Metal Edge p. 168 \$22.30)

**Total cost \$156.95**