

# Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission

August 10, 2015

## City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Chairman Bob Morawitz, Andy Andrews, Dianna Holmes, Dan Reppert and John Luna-City Representative. Excused: Phyllis Brummitt, Marie Brady-Whicanack, and Mark Lair.

Guest: David Varley, City Manager

Chairman Morawitz called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

A motion to approve the Agenda moved by Andy Andrews, seconded by Dan Reppert. Approved.

The minutes July 13, 2015 were moved for approval by Andy Andrews, seconded by Dan Reppert. Approved.

There was no change in the Treasurer's Report for \$6,796.20. Dan Reppert moved to accept, Andy Andrews seconded. Approved

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

All members acknowledged receiving several e-mails in reference to the commission. No further discussion.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Endangered Property: Several properties were discussed including James Block Building in downtown, the Atlee residence having a stone chimney repaired, Atlee apartments/condos getting an exterior change, residence in the 1500 block Ave E painting over bricks and SS Mary & Joseph window updates. Historical District business owners and resident owners are requested to visit with commission members before making changes so these buildings will remain eligible for the benefits of being in the Districts.
2. Demolition permits received for the following locations: 1) 1209 Ave G: 2) 1115-23<sup>rd</sup> St. 3) 2610 Ave J 4) 1411-35<sup>th</sup> St. 5) 1517 Ave H. The commission had no objection for the demolition of these properties after discussion. The commission would like to see deconstruction be performed before demolition occurs to residences, business and out buildings. This will be discussed with the City Council to obtain agreement.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Members reviewed and discussed Historic District possible signage colors, shapes and placement. Further research will continue.
2. The Historic District celebration has been placed on hold.
3. Members suggested a need to educate those in the Historical District about the benefits available to them. It was also suggested commission members meet with the Fort Madison Board of Real Estate members to educate on the benefits of the Historical District homes.

Dan Reppert moved for adjournment at 6:40 p.m. with Andy Andrews seconding. The next commission meeting will be Monday, September 14, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianna Holmes, Commission Member