MINUTES CITY OF AMES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Date: March 9, 2015	Kim Hanna, Chairperson	2016
	Bill Malone	2015
Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.	Matt Donovan	2017
·	Roberta Vann	2017
Place: Ames City Hall	Jason Dietzenbach, Vice-Chairperson	2015
Council Chambers	Peter Hallock	2015
	*Maria Miller	2016

Adjournment: 7:12 p.m.

*Absent

CALL TO ORDER: Kim Hanna, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: (Donovan/Malone) to approve the agenda for the meeting of March 9, 2015. MOTION PASSED: 6-0 (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2015:

MOTION: (Hillock/Donovan) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2015. MOTION PASSED: 6-0 (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

RESOLUTION FOR PLAQUES FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Ray Anderson referenced the staff report included in the Commission packet. The report was in response to the motion made by the Commission in November 2014. The motion was to have staff prepare a resolution for the Historic Preservation Commission for agreement of reimbursement to individuals for purchase and installation of plaques. A subcommittee worked on the design and the size of the plaques. The estimated cost of each plaque is approximately \$400. The previous motion includes the reimbursement of \$200 upon proof of installation of the plaque. There is a budget of \$2800 which equals 14 plaques that can be awarded.

Roberta Vann wanted wording added to the resolution indicating plaques to be awarded for placement on an existing building of 50 years or older. Mr. Anderson stated he would make the change.

Jason Dietzenbach asked for confirmation that the commission agreed to pay for City Hall's plaque. Mr. Anderson confirmed it was paid for out of the budget. Bill Malone commented on the high quality of the plague.

MOTION: (Malone/Hallock) to approve the Historic Preservation Commission Resolution #15-1 with edit.

VOTE ON MOTION: 6 -0 (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

SELECT AWARDEES FOR THE 2015 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

Matt Donovan, Peter Hallock and Kim Hanna participated on the subcommittee selected to award the Historic Preservation Awards. Ray Anderson commented on the variety of nominations received this year when compared to previous years. The subcommittee recommended awards to the United Methodist Church, located at 516 Kellogg Avenue, for the Architecturally Compatible New Addition to the Structure Award for the addition done to their building. That RES receive an award for The Roosevelt building, located at 921 9th Street, for Adaptive Reuse. That The Farm House Museum, located on the Iowa State University campus, received an award for Historic Rehabilitation and Restoration. That the house located at 3402 Oakland Street also received an award in the category of Historic Rehabilitation. The subcommittee recommended a Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Historic Preservation for the property located outside of the City of Ames corporate limits at 5923 Ontario Street. A historic brooder house was nominated in the category of Adaptive Reuse as it is currently being used as a playhouse.

MOTION: (Hallock/Vann) to approve 4 awards and special recognition.

VOTE ON MOTION: 6 -0 (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Bill Malone commented that this will be his last commission meeting. He thanked the current commission members, past commission members as well as Ray Anderson and Jeff Benson. Mr. Malone noted the progress that has been made by the Historic Preservation Commission; indicating their beginnings with no budget and how the award process was new when he joined 6 years ago. He mentioned the Roosevelt project as a highlight during his service noting the school board had actually proposed to demolish the building. He applauded the courage of members reaching out to the community regarding historic preservation.

Ms. Hanna and Ms. Vann thanked Mr. Malone for his service to the commission.

Mr. Hallock wants to encourage staff to create an educational outreach program within the Historic District given the new provisions and changes in Chapter 31. A member of the neighborhood association has volunteered himself and one of his coworkers to help with presentations. They are employed by Haila Architects. Mr. Hallock indicated they have had communication with Jeff Benson. The neighborhood association is concerned that residents are not fully aware of the details and facts regarding the requirements of Chapter 31 and that the process may seem intimidating. Mr. Hallock feels now would be a good time to begin such a program.

STAFF COMMENTS: Ray Anderson thanked Bill Malone on behalf of staff for his service and his representation of the downtown area.

Ray Anderson will email details regarding the date, time and location of the Annual Boards and Commissions luncheon to the commission members.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION: (Malone/Donovan) to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION: 6-0 (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Kim Hanna, Chairperson

Historic Preservation Commission

Kathy Reichert, Recording Secretary Department of Planning & Housing