

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Date: September 11, 2017	Kim Hanna, Chairperson	2019
	Jason Dietzenbach, Vice Chairperson	2018
Call to Order: 6:00 PM	Peter Hallock	2018
	Lisa Hovis	2018
Place: Ames City Hall Council Chambers	Ted Grevstad-Nordbrock	2019
	*Edith Hunter	2020
Adjournment: 6:23 PM	Barry Snell	2020
	[*Absent]	

CALL TO ORDER: Kim Hanna, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: (Hallock/Snell) to approve the Agenda for the meeting of September 11, 2017

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2017:

MOTION: (Dietzenbach/Hallock) to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2017.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF THE MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Mr. Anderson, Planner stated this is a nomination of the main street historic district to the national register of historic places. He displayed a location map showing all properties that are included which are the boundaries of 5th Street on the north, Duff Avenue on the east, Clark Avenue to the west, and the south property lines of lots abutting the south side of Main Street as the southern boundary.

Mr. Anderson stated the role of the Commission is to make a recommendation to the State Historic office whether they meet the National Register Criterion A and C. Criterion A are those properties that are associated with events that have made significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. Criterion B are those properties that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. He stated that Mr. Grevstad-Nordbrock has been involved in this process along with an Iowa State Student, and the Ames Main Street Cultural District.

Mr. Grevstad-Nordbrock stated that there are 68 contributing historic resources and 14 non-contributing. He stated that of the four National Register Criteria, the two that are pertinent is criteria A for history and criteria C for architecture and design, stating that it is significant at the local level. Mr. Grevstad-Nordbrock read from Attachment C – Summary of Significance stating, "The Ames Main Street Historic District is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A because it calls attention to the development of commerce in Ames as a response to the nearby railroad and the economic opportunities provided by Iowa State College (later Iowa State University). The Ames Main Street Historic District is also eligible for the National

Register under Criterion C. It is an outstanding example of the widespread influence, sustained over a long period of time and with contributions by both professional architects and local contractor-builders, of the commercial style of architecture.” He noted that the period of significance are mentioned in the nomination are 1891, 1937, and 1966. Mr. Grevestad-Nordbrock mentioned that 1891 relates to the first construction boom of brick buildings in downtown. 1937 marks a year of large concentration of building renovations as response to infrastructure growth and 1966 signifies the year for movement of railroad tracks, development of the main parking lot. He noted a couple of business that were of interest in the downtown district. Mr. Grevestad-Nordbrock stated that the State Historic Preservation Office ask what the future plans are once the district is nominated to the National Register, he explained that this is normally a starting point for the rehabilitation of commercial income producing properties. There are a variety of financial incentives for the rehabilitation of properties in downtown Ames and this is the first step towards that process.

Ms. Hanna stated that this is a 25 year work in progress for this nomination as work was started in the early 90’s. Mr. Grevstad-Nordbrock stated he wanted to give credit to a previous Iowa State student by the name of Robert Skalecki, Cindy Hicks, Gloria Batchers, and Will Page.

It was noted that Ms. Hovis and Mr. Dietzenbach will abstain from voting as they own property in the district.

MOTION: (Hallock/Snell) to approve Alternative one that states The Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of the Ames Main Street Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places meets National Register Significance Criterion A and C and recommends National Register eligibility to the State Nominations Review Committee.

MOTION PASSED: (4-0) Abstain (Hovis and Dietzenbach)

Mr. Anderson stated this will go to the State Nominations Review Committee on October 13, 2017 and will go to City Council on September 26, 2017.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Ms. Hanna stated that in front of them is the Ames Comprehensive Historic Plan and Action Steps which the Commission will review and discuss at the October 9, 2017 meeting. Mr. Anderson stated that this is just part of the plan but this is a good place to start with any changes or updates.

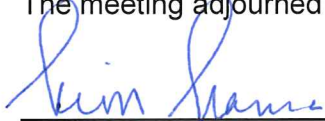
STAFF COMMENTS: There were no staff comments.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION: (Dietzenbach/Snell) to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.



Kim Hanna, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission



Amy L. Colwell, Recording Secretary
Department of Planning & Housing