

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting  
September 9th, 2006  
8:30 A.M.  
Vesterheim Westby Education Center**

**Present**

Kevin Lee, Dave Stanley, Steve Johnson, Rob Shadwick, Ferneva Bremicomb.

Steve opened the meeting by outlining the number of meetings we have had so far this year. There were no meetings in March or July and those meetings in April and May did not have a quorum. Steve suggested that the minutes from those meetings that lacked a quorum should be typed up and filed so we have a record. Dave indicated he would do that.

Steve noted that he spoke with Elizabeth prior to the present meeting and she indicated there was no change from the May treasurer's report. She also noted that the sales for the Auto Tour Guide have slumped considerably since this spring. Dave noted that corresponds with the summer vacation season and sales would likely pickup next spring.

Steve informed the commission that he had been selected by the Office of the Governor to be honored for his efforts within the historical preservation community. Steve will be presented a certificate and photos will be taken at a ceremony/reception at the Capitol Rotunda on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Steve requested expense money to attend this reception. Dave moved to reimburse Steve for his expenses and Bob seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Steve brought up the possibility of a one day workshop sponsored the by the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission. A general discussion took place on whether or not something could be setup for the fall but the general consensus was that there was not enough time. Kevin and Ferneva suggested that something be developed for May of 2007 since that was historic preservation month. The commission came to a consensus that May of '07 would be a good time, and the best date would be either May 5<sup>th</sup> or May 12<sup>th</sup>. The decision on the exact date was deferred until the next meeting so other members who could not attend this meeting would be present. Everyone volunteered Elizabeth (who was absent) to lead a walking tour of Decorah's historic buildings. Dave offered to present something regarding archeological resources from a northeast Iowa perspective. Steve volunteered to speak on historic mills in the area while Kevin indicated he could do a presentation on pioneer cemeteries. Bob indicated he could do something regarding an important historic person from Winneshiek County.

A general discussion took place concerning where to have the workshop. Steve said he would examine the museum schedule and see if it would be possible to have the workshop at the museum. Other suggestions included local churches, Luther College and

the Army Reserve Center. It was decided to focus on a downtown facility in order to take advantage of the downtown's historic nature and be close to restaurants. It was also noted that we should contact local motels about a discount for those who attend the workshop.

Steve suggested presenters prepare a brief abstract of their topics and a short individual bio.

Steve brought up the East Side School and questioned whether it should still be on the National Register. He indicated that the nomination includes both the middle school and East Side. Since the middle school has been remodeled it may no longer meet the N.R. criteria.

Kevin thought a thorough study of the structure should be done at the level of a mitigation or data recovery regardless as to whether or not East Side is preserved. That way we would have a detailed study completed and it would resolve the middle school issue as well. A discussion then ensued regarding applying for a CLG or some other grant and whether or not the commission would commit some cash for the study.

It was then decided that we should address this issue as soon as possible and try to have all commission members present. Issues include the following:

- 1) Consulting with the Board of Supervisors in order to get their input on whether or not the commission should approach this topic.
- 2) Gain approval from the East Side committee.
- 3) Line up cash matches to pursue grant money.
- 4) Determine what type of grants should we pursue if this undertaking proceeds.

The general consensus was to have a meeting on Thursday evening at 6:00 P.M. in hopes that more members could attend.

Dave said he would bring in some examples of scopes of work for projects of this nature and the Secretary of Interior's guidelines for the next meeting. Dave pointed out that if this project proceeds we would need to develop a scope of work and then request proposals from qualified consultants.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Next meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:00 P.M.