

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission
Quarterly Meeting
April 22, 1999
6:00 PM**

Roll Call

Present: David Stanley, Roger Bergan, Tim Lynch, Norma Hervey, Elaine Hegg, Steve Johnson.

Absent: Earl Winter, Kate Klimesh

Minutes for the April 22nd Meeting.

Approval of the minutes from January 14th, 1999 meeting. Tim Lynch moved to approve, Elaine Hegg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dave Stanley was introduced as the new secretary for the WCHPC.

Steve Johnson raised the issue of developing a Fall program similar to the one last year which featured a number of speakers that focused on historic aspects of Winneshiek County. Dave Stanley suggested setting up a program that included historic and prehistoric archeology, Native Americans who resided in the region, and possibly historic architecture. Steve Johnson moved to have Dave Stanley develop the program. Tim Lynch seconded the motion.

The issue of rotating the president's position was raised. Steve Johnson agreed to serve as president for the remainder of 1999.

The issue of notifying the Iowa State Historical Society concerning two properties presently on the National Register of Historic Places was raised. The Clarksville Diner has been sold and moved to Paris, France. The Octagon House has undergone some changes including the construction of an addition and an attached garage. Steve Johnson thought that these additions would compromise the historic integrity of the structure. A decision was made to notify the Iowa State Historical Society of these changes. Steve Johnson indicated that he would write the letter.

Steve Johnson noted that he had received a phone call from Patricia Ohlerking of the Community Affairs Bureau of the Iowa State Historical Society. Ms. Ohlerking was inquiring about the potential impact of historic or archeological resources at the location of the proposed new Wal-Mart superstore. Apparently Ms. Ohlerking had received a phone call from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C. concerning this issue. The call apparently resulted from the ad placed in the U.S. A. Today by the Citizens for Responsible Government. Dave Stanley indicated that his company had conducted a Phase I archeological survey of the location of the proposed store and nothing of historic or archeological significance had been encountered. He also said that this report had been submitted to Ms. Ohlerking's office last fall and that

clearance for this project had been granted by that office. Dave also pointed out that to the best of his knowledge no other private developers in the area have conducted archeological surveys. He thought it was odd that Citizens for Responsible Development would raise the issue of historic impacts only for the Wal-Mart project and not the other developments occurring in the area.

The next scheduled meeting for the WCHPC was discussed and it was decided to schedule this meeting for Thursday, August 5th, 1999 at 5:30 PM in the Alliant meeting room.

Adjournment at 6:35 PM. Tim Lynch moved to adjourn and Elaine Hegg seconded the motion.