

Decorah Historical Preservation Commission
May 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

- 1. Roll call.** Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Mark Muggli. Commissioners present were Adrienne Coffeen, Hayley Jackson, Diane Scholl and Judy van der Linden. Absent were Kris Lynch and Lois Humpal. Decorah resident Janelle Pavlovec also attended.
- 2. Review and approval of Minutes from April 9, 2018, recorded and distributed by Commission secretary Judy van der Linden.** Judy will correct the spelling of Marty Weis' name. Mark moved, Hayley seconded and members approved the minutes with correction.
- 3. DHPC Membership.** Ryan Engelman plans to join the commission.
- 4. Historic Preservation Month activities.**
 - a. 2018: Charles Altfillisch homes award.** Members viewed Mark's powerpoint. The presentation of awards on May 17 will begin shortly after 5 p.m., following by a reception. *Mark will be sure the powerpoint show runs smoothly on both TVs in the council chambers. He will have award certificates reprinted with correct year.*
 - b. 2019: Tours of downtown second stories; Hampton, Iowa, scavenger hunt (see Paula Mohr's May 1, 2018 email); presentation on recent building preservation/renovation.** These are some ideas if we want to do something different next year.
- 5. Decorah Commercial Historic District follow-up.**
 - a. Signage.** Commissioners are satisfied with the latest design of a commercial district sign except for the question of size. *Judy will talk to Kevin Nelson of the street department to find out if the larger size sign is acceptable.* Mark suggested it could be mounted below street signs on poles. *Mark will ask Chad Bird how much money the city might contribute toward signs.*
 - b. Downtown tours or other educational/publicity events.** Commissioners decided to delay downtown tours until after NordicFest, probably until late summer or early fall. Elizabeth Lorentzen kindly offered to show us her tour, but Mark, Adrienne and Judy will investigate developing one independent of Elizabeth's and with a different emphasis.
- 6. Luther College Historic District update.** Jan Full been contracted to do an Intensive Survey of the proposed district by Dec. 31, 2018. Mark has developed a guide and put out a call for volunteer researchers, whose work on the 32 buildings would need to be done by Sept. 1. *Adrienne volunteered to do Loyalty Hall, and Judy to do Campus House.*
- 7. DHPC Municipal website revision.** *Mark intends to ask Chad how the city plans to maintain its website, which includes DHPC's page.*
- 8. Commissioner Reports.** Mark reported that David Wadsworth has purchased a home at 409 E. Main St., and will restore and resell it. David hopes to use state tax credits for the restoration. He offered to show us the house. *Mark will try to set up the tour.* Mark also reported Chad Bird

has asked for help developing a Site Inventory for the Decorah Airport hangar. *Mark will also set up a tour for the hangar, and Mark and Hayley will help with its Site Inventory.* Judy reported the results of the city's Visioning meetings will be on display Friday, May 18 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in City Hall. A presentation of the results will be made at 5:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

9. Public Comment. Janelle urged us to drive by David Wadsworth's Main Street house and take special note of the tree on the lot.

10. Possible upcoming meetings: Monday, June 11, 2018, 4:30 p.m. Members agreed on this date and time.

11. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.