

West Branch Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

City Council Chambers

Present: Dana Gafeller, Liz Seiberling, Peggy Herman, Lou Picek, John Fuller, Karen Suchomel.

Minutes: Moved by Lou, seconded by Peggy to approve the January 17, 2024 minutes. All I's. Motion carried.

Discussion topics: a) Main Street Design Guidelines
b) Economic Development District Boundaries

Discussed Main Street Design Guidelines, the Business District and what is in the City's best interest for historic preservation and economic development.

Resolutions:

Therefore, the Historic Preservation Commission brings forth Resolution #1 to accept the New Historic District as drawn in the proposed map of 2024 Overlay Zones, with the recommendation to the City Council to extend the New Historic District to include the West Branch Town Hall. Moved by Lou, 2nd by Liz. All I's, motion carried.

Therefore, the Historic Preservation Commission brings forth Resolution #2 (a) to recommend the development and adoption of commercial design standards for the entire zoning overlay area as drawn in the proposed map of 2024 Overlay Zones, and (b) further recommend to the Council extending the Townsend Gateway Study area to the City limits on the East side of West Branch to include the "Travelers Rest" property. Moved by Lou, 2nd by Liz. All I's, motion carried.

Adjourn: Moved by Lou, 2nd by Peggy to adjourn meeting. All I's. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Suchomel