

DIXON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Commission meeting of February 12, 2016

- 1. Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by John McLane in Council Chambers at 940a.
- 2. Roll call.** Commissioners present were James Higby, John McLane, and Duane Paulsen. Absent was Greg Langan.
- 3. Approval of minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2015 meeting have been distributed electronically, and printed copies have been distributed to all persons present at today's meeting. **Duane Paulsen moved, and John McLane seconded, that the minutes be approved as printed and read. Voting Aye: Higby, McLane, and Paulsen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.**
- 4. Notices and communications.** The agenda packet included a copy of a letter from John McLane to Peggy Ulferts regarding her application for façade modification at 103 South Peoria Avenue. Commissioner McLane reported that Ms. Ulferts has abandoned her plans for an awning on her building. Also included was a copy of an email sent by John McLane to Jeremy at the foundry that produced the bronze plaques. Commissioner McLane reported that to date he has received no response to his email request.
- 5. Public comment.** There were no comments by the public.
- 6. Old business.** Commissioners were apprised by Secretary Higby of the status of the twenty-seven bronze plaques intended for buildings in the Downtown Dixon Historic District. Five have been installed: three at Reagan Peace Park, one at City Hall, and one at 214 West First Street. Several more have been picked up but not installed. Several remain in storage at City Hall. One plaque has been refused because of an error of date. Higby has identified the source of the erroneous information on page 45 of a book by George Lamb, Dixon: A Pictorial History, published by the Dixon National Bank in 1987. John McLane will speak with Mayor Arellano about possible strategies for getting the remaining plaques installed.

Secretary Higby summarized his thoughts on the proposed Town Square Signage. In his view the map may have to be modified somewhat to avoid issues with copyright. There is also the issue of financing its creation and installation. No decisions were made relative to these two signage projects.
- 7. New business.** Dr. Carol Krueger was absent due to illness. Commissioner Higby distributed a photograph of a two-story brick building at 605-607 Depot Avenue, along with a history of the building. He also distributed a picture of a building at 615-617 Depot Avenue that was built sometime before 1890 and is still standing. Both buildings had at different times housed a grocery/department/hardware store owned and operated by William "Billy" C. Jones, who did business in Dementtown for more than half a century. Higby suggested that these buildings might be candidates for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 8. Adjournment.** **James Higby moved, and John McLane seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Aye: McLane, Paulsen, and Higby. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 1015a.**

Respectfully submitted by James Higby, Secretary
Dixon Historic Preservation Commission