

Grinnell Historic Preservation Commission
May 11, 2020 meeting
Via Zoom video conference

The specially called meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neubert at 7:00 pm.

Members present were: Chair Neubert, JR Paulson, Tom Grabinski, Mary Schuchmann and John Whittaker.

New Business: Chair Neubert began the meeting with discussion of a zoning change request for the property located at 1510 Broad Street, Grinnell. The owners wish to change the zoning from R1 to R2. City Manager Russ Behrens suggested earlier that it would be good for this commission to have an official position relative to the change before the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission scheduled for May 12, 2020.

The Historic Preservation Commission has two main interests on which it will have a recommendation. First, this property is located in a designated historic district, the preservation of which is critical to the overall community and continuity of the neighborhood. Secondly, the house at the address in question is historic in its own right and as such is subject to input by the Commission as to major changes.

Further, following any zoning change, or should it be denied, there will also be the building permit phase of this process and the necessity of a building permit application.

The Commission unanimously agreed that there was not enough information presented for the Commission to favor a zoning change at this time. The Commission requests further detail on the proposed structure and where it will be located before it takes a position in favor of zoning modification.

Discussion was also held relative to the Preserve Iowa conference originally scheduled to be held in person in Dubuque next month. Virtual attendance options will be circulated to Commission members following this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas D. Grabinski