

## **Historic Preservation District**

### **Minutes**

**September 15, 2014**

**The Historic Preservation Board met on September 15, 2014, at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers.**

**Present were: Kris Gill, Sue Remmers, Shane Charbonnet and Bob Hemmingsen.**

**Absent was Peggy Kuser.**

**Guests were: Ruben Acosta and Lissa Schwab from the State Historic Preservation Office, Merri Johnson and Doug Jones from the City of Auburn Planning Commission, Joe and Irene Jones, Janny, Liston and Nash Crotty, Pam Bennett and Mayor Scott Kudrna.**

**Meeting opened at 7:05.**

**Bob moved to accept the March 7, 2014 minutes as written. Shane seconds. All approved.**

**The Public Hearing portion of the meeting started at 7:06**

**Ruben Acosta spoke and gave a pre-text of the Auburn Historic District and the CLG ordinance.**

**Lissa Schwab spoke about the Nebraska tax incentive that this District property owners could receive.**

**Mayor Scott Kudrna explained how the Auburn Historic District came about and what the ordinance says. The property owner will have all rights to their property. The Auburn Historic District Preservation Board, is not able to deny any action that the property owner would like to do. The Historic Preservation Board can work with the property owner to come up with a compromise or a different action that would be beneficial to the integrity of the building.**

**Merri Johnson raised concern about the property owner not having control of their property. Merri was allowed to ask many questions and explanation was given to them all.**

**Janny Crotty spoke in favor of having a Local Designated District. She stated that the designation will help bring in grant money, which is really needed for the buildings.**

**Kris Gill read two letters from property owners in opposition of the District.**

**Doug Jones asked if there is a conflict between having a District and receiving Tax Incentive dollars and TIF. Lissa explained that “No, there isn’t”, other districts have both options of funding. It gives the property owner a choice of funding.**

**The Public Hearing closed at 7:57.**

**Shane moves to approve the proposed Historic District map as is. Bob seconds. The votes casted as**

**Bob Hemmingsen- Yes**

**Shane Charbonnet- Yes**

**Sue Remmers- Yes**

**Kris Gill- Yes**

**All approved.**

**Next agenda item is to discuss brochures. Much discussion was had and the board members discussed design style. Ruben will help in this process. Ruben suggested having the Courthouse, State Theatre, Hetzel building, the Museum, Courthouse Avenue, Legion Memorial Park and the old Bakery (the former Cablevision office).**

**Next item was to discuss the Guidelines. At this point in time the Guidelines that the Auburn Historic Preservation Board will use, are “The Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation”.**

**The next meeting will be set up when needed.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:46.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kim Beger**