

Grand Mound Ordinance Committee Meeting Notes

Location: Grand Mound Community Center
510 Smith St, Grand Mound, IA
Start time: 7:00 pm
Date: August 21, 2024
Attendees: Rick Waack, Bob Guy, Regina Meyer, Craig Kohl, Jason Holmes, Daniel Tubbs,
Sue Warren, Christina Schwartz

Craig Kohl - designated chairperson
Regina Meyer - designated secretary

General Discussion:

- We believe the idea of a “cookie cutter” ordinance isn’t in the best interest of the citizens and would like it to be more specific to the needs of Grand Mound
- We want to explore the history of ECIA gaining priority advantage in the transfer/sale/possession of properties that the city may take back after all appropriate actions are taken per policies and code for abandoned/dangerous buildings/properties
 - this needs further exploration
 - The committee is requesting a copy of the contract the city is making with ECIA
- We would like to streamline intent the proposed ordinance 145 and chapter 50 which appear to have overlapping scope in them
 - one example is the “property beautification” which is already covered in chapter 50, leave this as is
 - the focus needs to remain on the “dangerous buildings” policy in the proposed ordinance change to 145
 - proposal for new chapter on the “duties and powers of the code official”
- The committee will take a week to review, more in depth, the current codes/ordinance and the proposal set forth by Christina to bring specific intent to the change in Ordinance 145 and to add a new chapter specification on “enforcement” of the code
 - An idea was proposed to have a separate citizens committee act on behalf of the city (similar to what we would have ECIA do for us), thus putting the privilege and responsibility into the hands of Grand Mound Citizens
 - further discussion needed on how to propose and make this happen
- Next meeting scheduled for Aug 28th, 7pm, Community Center

End time: 8:00 pm
Notetaker: Regina Meyer