



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes
January 15th, 2020

Members Present

Maura Pilcher
Patricia Soukup
Amanda Happel
Nancy Goodlove
Michael LeClere
Richard Thomas
Todd McNall
Steve Ciha

Absent

Staff Present

Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison
Jessie Black, Recording Secretary
Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Public Present

Doug Elam

Call to Order

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Reappointments

LeClere and Goodlove both agreed to serve another term on HPC.

Election of Officers

Ciha motioned, Happel second, to re-elect Pilcher as Chair, LeClere as Vice-Chair, and Soukup as Secretary. All other members present voting aye.

Approval of Minutes

Happel motioned, Soukup second, all present voting aye to approve minutes from December 18th, 2019 meeting as submitted.



Public Comment

Doug Elam, a member of the public, introduced himself to the group. In his retirement, he enjoys traveling around the state of Iowa researching “poor farm” cemeteries. He stated his goal is to raise awareness of said cemeteries, adding that most communities aren’t even aware such places exist.

Staff Announcements

Tertinger told the commission that the proposal from Leah Rogers (Tallgrass), is on the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda for Tuesday, January 21st.

Tertinger asked that all members who completed preservation-related training in the previous year, turn their hours into him so he can complete Annual CLG Report to submit to SHPO.

He also let the group know that the Preserve Iowa Summit is in Dubuque on June 4th – 6th. He asked that if anyone was interested in attending, to let him know.

Tertinger stated the CLG report is due to SHPO in March.

He announced there is still one vacancy on the commission. Pilcher & Thomas are working on finding a qualified person to fill the spot.

Tertinger also announced that SHSI Advisory Board is currently accepting nominations.

Budget

Remaining account balance is \$19,516.00; \$15,000 of which is allotted for Tallgrass proposal. Tertinger added that on July 1, the funds will go back into the general account, from which it will have to be requested back for fall amendment.

New Business

None

FY20 Work Plan

a. FY21 Preservation Grant Application

Pilcher asked that all members review the revised grant application. The group discussed and revised further.

Tertinger proposed a Grant Workshop date of February 29th. The commission debated different ideas for meeting locations, ultimately deciding on Fairfax Public Library. Soukup will arrange.

Goodlove motioned, McNall second, to approve final iteration of Grant Application. All other members present voting aye.

b. Demolition Review

McNall wondered what the ultimate goal is for implementing a demolition review policy. Pilcher explained that the goal is to create “pause” or postponement of demolition of historically recognized buildings, to at least allow for documentation or

some type of preservation. McNall said Cedar Rapids focuses on buildings that are older than 50 years old or accessory buildings that were built prior to 1942.

c. Pioneer Cemeteries

Goodlove plans to get pioneer cemetery information previously gathered from Board of Supervisor interns. She also talked with Jason Siebrecht and he will get back to Happel with more information. Goodlove said once the weather gets nicer, the subcommittee plans on touring cemeteries to compile a list of five "at-risk" locations. She stated that one of the subcommittee's goals is to raise awareness of pioneer cemeteries.

Tertinger wondered if the subcommittee still wanted to post signage, directing the public to cemeteries. Goodlove said the idea is currently on hold, and she will discuss with HPC later.

d. National Register

Pilcher is waiting to hear back from John Meyers at Sugar Grove regarding potential National Register nomination.

e. Grant Application

Scoring matrix will be finalized at next meeting.

f. Kiosks

Ciha said he will start checking out kiosks in March or April.

g. Preservation Month Activity

Happel suggested a cemetery tour. Pilcher thought it would be a good idea to merge the celebration of the Coggon Commercial Historic District to National Register with a Preservation Month event celebrating last year's Preservation Grant Award projects. Tertinger will send list of last year's recipients to Happel. LeClere will contact Coggon to work on a location & time.

Next Meeting

February 19th, 2020

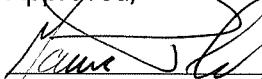
Adjournment – Motion by Happel, second by Soukup, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessie Black, Recording Secretary

Approved,



Maura Pilcher, Chair