



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes
April 1st, 2021

Members Present

Maura Pilcher, Chair
Patricia Soukup
Amanda Happel
Michael LeClere, Vice-Chair (on phone)
Richard Thomas
Todd McNall
Steve Ciha
Barb Westercamp

Absent

Hilary Copeland-Marvin

Guests

Rex Martin

Staff Present

Stephanie Lientz, Staff Liaison
Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Special Statement : This meeting was held in person at the Cedar Rapids Central Fire Station @ 713 1st Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Call to Order

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:02p.m.

Public Comment

None

New Business

A. DISCUSS NEXT STEPS FOR LINCOLN HIGHWAY KIOSK PROJECT.



Happel, now part of the kiosk sub-committee, presented information about the 4' x 8' panels and the conversations she has had with Nesper Signs. The signs will cost approximately \$5000 - \$7000 each. McNall noted that it would be cheaper and easier to replace if the panels are 4' x 8'. Ciha motioned that the HPC install one 4' x 8' panel kiosk per location, similar in design to the one behind the Central Fire Station. Westercamp seconded. All in favor.

Westercamp motioned to approve putting out the project for RFP. Second by McNall. All in favor. Britt Hutchins from Linn County Purchasing will put out the RFP on Monday March 29, 2021.

Happel stated the bids will be back in time for the next meeting. It was agreed that the HPC will focus on the Thomas Park kiosk first.

Happel will forward the plans from the designer to LeClere. The plans will need an updated QR code, an updated map, and \ the Historical Preservation Commission's name added to the panel as well.

McNall stated the angle of the panel should be between 45% and 60%.

Happel noted that the City of Cedar Rapids has requested that the Haskell Park kiosk be moved to Cleveland Park to allow for handicapped access. The Commission discussed the request. Motion by Happel and second by McNall to notify Cedar Rapids that the kiosk can be moved to Cleveland Park. All in favor.

Martin noted that the original concrete marker for the Wanatee Creek (formerly Squaw Creek) kiosk was recently installed by the Ranger, who found it under a table in one of the storage facilities.

Discussion was had to add to the RFP the wording that the posts should be made out of aluminum, galvanized metal or like material. The group agreed to the addition to the RFP.

The group discussed that the City of Marion would like to move the kiosk in Thomas Park to closer to the road. They will re-sod the area around it and remove the fence. Happel motioned to approve the slight location change, Westercamp seconded. All in favor.

Happel updated the group that Mount Vernon wants to move the kiosk to a different park, from Prairie Park (or Lincoln Way Park) to Memorial Park. Thomas noted he would like the kiosk to remain at Prairie Park.

Happel suggested the sub-committee meet with Lisbon, as Lisbon wants to move their kiosk to the City Square. Lisbon is going to help with funding, so that the kiosk can be moved and updated by 2025. Motion by Westercamp to defer to the sub-committee with regard to the Lisbon kiosk placement as long as it is still located on the Lincoln Highway. Happel seconded. All in favor.

It was noted that the name Squaw Creek has changed to Wanatee Creek, and the HPC wants to make sure that the information on the kiosks is updated to reflect that. Possible funding sources were discussed, including FEMA, Riverside Casino, the Greater CR Foundation and possibly the CR Auto Association.

B. FY 22 GRANT APPLICATION S

Lientz reported that the HPC has not received the final report from Troy Mills.

The HPC discussed the Granger House, who failed to provide a complete final report of last year's grant funding by the deadline on March 15. As the FY21 final report was not submitted in a timely manner, and did not provide all the requested information, the HPC considered whether the Granger House should be allowed to apply for a grant for FY22. Westercamp motioned that the group not allow or consider a grant request from The Granger House. McNall seconded. All in favor.

Next Meeting

April 21st, 2021

Adjournment - Motion by Westercamp, second by McNall, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Maura Pilcher, Chair