



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

935 Second Street SW ▪ Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404 ▪ 319-892-5141

**Minutes via GoToMeeting
April 15th, 2020**

Members Present

Maura Pilcher
Patricia Soukup
Amanda Happel
Michael LeClere
Todd McNall
Steve Ciha

Absent

Richard Thomas

Staff Present

Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison
Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Announcements/Communication

None

Approval of Minutes

Soukup motioned, Happel second, all present voting aye to approve minutes from February 19, 2020 meeting as submitted.

Budget

Remaining account balance is not available

New Business

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FY21 Historic Preservation Grant Project Presentations



(spoke on behalf or presented on behalf. Briefly describe project and use of funds.

1. Katie Benedict spoke on behalf of Bruce more, Inc. Mansion Envelope project. Phase 3. East portion. There are 2 porches & a terrace. Repairs are needed especially to the Indoor-outdoor space, as there has been significant deterioration. In particular, the quarry tiles have cracked, allowing water to get to foundation. As a result, the foundation is becoming porous. Porch is part of tour program and the historical program.
2. Paul Wood presented on behalf of the Granger House Victorian Museum. Money requested for the repair and restoration of roof on the north side of the building. They have sourced original materials, shingles & nails and are planning to have the contractor take videos and photos of the process to use as an educational tool.
3. Brent Neighbor spoke on behalf of the City of Cedar Rapids. Replacing the wood shingles on the Seminole Valley farmhouse with asphalt. Fixing the roof would allow them to get the interior fixed.
4. Judi Pohorsky presented on behalf of the Genealogical Society of Linn County. Requesting a new laptop and projector for presentations, which would increase their views on Facebook and their audience.

Todd McNall joined call.

5. Deborah Sands spoke for the Troy Mills Historical Society. They are seeking funds to restore a map of Linn County, with drawings, from the mid-1800's. A copy of the map is at the Jean Oxley Building.
6. Marilyn Aden presented on behalf of the Coggon Community Historical Society. Requesting funds to help with window glazing, repairing windowsills and other window maintenance on Historical Hall.
7. Tara Templeman spoke on behalf of The History Center. They are seeking to digitize their collection of 16 m and 8m films, covering Linn County from 1930 – 1965.
8. David Muhlena presented for the National Czech & Slovak Museum. Requesting preservation supplies for the Museum's collection of photographs and postcards, folk costumes, painted eggs, and glass and ceramic items.

Recommendation to Board of Supervisors to appoint Barb Westercamp to fill current HPC Vacancy. She has a strong background in Education and she sat on the Cedar Rapids Preservation Commission. Motion by LeClere to recommend the appointment of Barb Westercamp to the Historical Preservation Commission. McNally second. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting

May 6th, 2020 Grant Funding
May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting

Adjournment – Motion by Soukup, second by McNall, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:31 p.m.

After adjournment McNally asked if the Commission is allowed to overfund. Soukup stated that there is an extra \$400 in funds. Tertinger stated that those funds will revert to the County if not used, and while the Commission can request them again, there is no guarantee that the County will award them to the HPC.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Susan F Bennett, Recording Secretary Maura Pilcher, Chair