Members Present
Maura Pilcher
Patricia Soukup
Amanda Happel
Nancy Goodlove
Michael LeClere
Connie Robinson
Dick Thomas

Absent
Brent Harstad

Staff Present
Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison
Jessica Black, Recording Secretary

Call to Order
Chair Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM

Public Comment
None

Announcements/Communication
None

Approval of Minutes
Goodlove motioned, Happel second, all present voting aye to approve minutes from April 17th, 2019 meeting as submitted.

Budget
Remaining account balance is $12,440.

New Business
Preservation Month Event Updates

Pilcher announced that her and Happel did a walk through last Friday, the 26th, at the History Center to go over things prior to the May 18th preservation event. She added that the event will be catered through Hy-Vee or New Pioneer. Set-up will begin at 3 p.m., event starts at 4 p.m. Pilcher said she invited the Board of Supervisors, but has not heard back yet.

Happel informed the group that one past grant recipient has already dropped off their poster presentation to the Planning & Development office.

Tertinger announced that Ann Opatz from the Lisbon Historic Preservation Commission reached out to the Linn County HPC and is interested in attending the May 18th Preservation Month Event. Opatz expressed interest in showcasing some of their projects at the event.

Happel wondered how many RSVP’s the HPC has received for the Preservation Month Event at The History Center. Black said none. Happel asked if another invite could be sent out. Black will send another within the next week or so. Happel suggested listing all featured organizations on the invite. Tertinger confirmed a press release will go out the week of the event.

Goodlove will inform and invite people from the Central City Historical Society at their meeting on the 16th.

Pilcher asked that Tertinger send press release to Paula Mohr so she can circulate.

FY20 Historic Preservation Grant Funding Recommendations (Discuss & Decide)

The commission members discussed each application individually. Chair then asked for a motion, a second, and the group then voted aye or nay, any abstentions were noted. If a motion was defeated, the members discussed the application again, Chair asked for another motion, a second, another vote, and any abstentions.

Soukup recused herself from the discussion and decision for Save CR Heritage. LeClere recused himself from the group’s discussion and decision for Coggon Community Historical Society and Coggon Area Betterment Association. Goodlove recused herself from the discussion and decision for Central City Historical Society.

The commissioners awarded the following grant applicants as listed below:

1. Uptown Marion Main Street $1000.00
2. The History Center $1000.00
3. Coggon Community Historical Society $942.00
4. Coggon Area Betterment Association $6000.00
5. African American Museum of Iowa $3550.00
6. Iowa Music and Arts Association $4000.00
7. Brucemore $3000.00
8. Genealogical Society of Linn County $1000.00
9. Alburnett Community Historical Society $3000.00
10. Central City Historical Society $5308.00

A total of $28,800.00 in grants were recommended to be awarded to ten applicants.

Robinson asked that the group address any suggested changes to the grant program at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

May 15th, 2019

**Adjournment** – Motion by Happel, second by Goodlove, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, 
Approved,

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Jessie Black, Recording Secretary  Maura Pilcher, Chair