



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
May 15, 2024

Members Present

Kim Hanna, Chair
Todd McNall, Vice-Chair
Barb Westercamp, Secretary
Steve Ciha
Hilary Copeland-Marvin
Stacey Colledge-Skelton

Absent

Matt Kenney
Nancy Kraft
Maura Pilcher

Guests

Jeanie Hau, Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway

Staff Present

Bradley Wylam, Staff Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Kim Hanna called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Westercamp to approve the minutes of April 17th, second by McNall with those present voting aye.

Motion by McNall to amend the minutes of May 1st to correct a typo regarding work the HPC did for the Bertram Bridge relocation, second by Westercamp with all those present voting aye.



Announcements/Communication

Wylam noted that the next scheduled meeting interferes with the Juneteenth holiday. County offices will be closed, and any meeting rooms won't be accessible. Colledge-Skelton motioned to cancel the June meeting, second by Westercamp with those present voting aye. The Next meeting will be July 17.

Budget

There is currently a total of \$3,080 in the budget. Registration for the Preserve Iowa Summit is pending for two to three members of the commission with registration fees of \$100 each. \$3,000 is also allocated to the Indian Creek Nature Center for Blue Bridge signage, but will be coming out of the fiscal year 2025 budget.

FY2024 Work Plan

FY24 Preservation Grant Final Report for Uptown Marion Main Street. Final report and receipts were received for the \$1043 awarded. Copeland-Marvin noted that the Marion Chamber of Commerce is listed as the recipient on three of the invoices. The final report will be referred back to the organization to correct the recipient's name because the HPC cannot grant funds to municipalities.

Ciha discussed submitting an application for a CLG grant to help fund the three remaining Lincoln Highway kiosks. He mentioned that the project may not qualify for a CLG grant due to the qualification criteria but that he would continue to look into the option. McNall mentioned that the Washington Riverboat Foundation may also have grant funds that could be applied for. Ciha and McNall discussed the issues surrounding the Lincoln Heights kiosk and the lack of upkeep that currently occurs surrounding the kiosk. Jeanie Hau with the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway was in attendance to discuss an item related to the seedling mile and has interest in the material on at least one of the kiosks remaining to be improved, including the Lincoln Heights kiosk. Hau provided information regarding a large rock and plaque that provides information regarding the Seedling Mile in Linn County. She stated that the location of the rock would be better located elsewhere because this section of the Lincoln Highway is not near the location of Seedling Mile. She also mentioned the lack of upkeep surrounding the existing kiosk and historic marker. She recommended that there could be road signs that mark the beginning and end of the Seedling Mile. McNall noted that the Abbe Creek kiosk could be a possible location for Seedling Mile information and the rock. Ciha noted that he can connect Hau with the Linn County Secondary Roads Department. McNall motioned to authorize Ciha to complete an application for the CLG grant to fund the Lincoln Highway Kiosk projects, second by Colledge-Skelton with those present voting aye.

Hau mentioned a grant that her organization has received to fund signage for the Lincoln Highway with a proposed location in Cedar Rapids. The commission provided feedback on possible locations, noting Mays Island, the Automobile Row National Landmark area, Green Square Park, and other areas along the old Lincoln Highway.

Klinsky Farmstead National Register nomination CLG review. Wylam reviewed the National Register nomination form and noted that the Board of Supervisors, Linn County HPC, and a preservation professional all sign the document to recommend that the nomination be approved or denied. The commission reviewed the application, and McNall asked if the comments noted by the commission when the draft was submitted have been addressed. McNall motioned to approve the nomination, second by Copeland-Marvin with those present voting aye. McNall stated he is considered a preservation professional and could also sign the recommendation.

Next Meeting

July 17, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Wylam, Staff Liaison

Approved,



Kim Hanna, Chair