



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
January 15, 2025

Members Present

Todd McNall, Vice Chair
Barb Westercamp, Secretary
Steve Ciha
Stacey Colledge-Skelton
Hilary Copeland-Marvin
Matt Kenney
Nancy Kraft
Maura Pilcher

Absent

Kim Hanna, Chair

Guests

Robby Marvin
Aaron Saylor

Staff Present

Bradley Wylam, Staff Liaison
Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Vice Chair, McNall, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Election of Officers

Motion by Pilcher to continue with same slate of current officers; Kim Hanna, Chair, Todd McNall, Vice Chair, and Barb Westercamp, Secretary, second by Copeland-Marvin with those present voting aye.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pilcher to approve the minutes of December 18, 2024, second by Kenney with those present voting aye.



Announcements/Communication

No announcements or communications to report per Wylam.

Budget

There is currently a total of \$14,825.50 in the budget. Wylam is awaiting the invoice for the two new Lincoln Highway signs in the amount of approximately \$60.00.

New Business

Resolution of Support Request for historic church and parsonage at 348 7th St Marion

Copeland-Marvin said she would recuse herself from discussion as she is a part owner of this property. Pilcher said Copeland-Marvin didn't have to recuse herself from the discussion, but she needed to abstain from voting. Committee agreed and Copeland-Marvin stayed for discussion.

Westercamp arrived at 4:03pm

Wylam told commissioners the presentation stemmed from an email received requesting a letter of support from HPC. Robby Marvin and Aaron Saylor, owners of the church and parsonage in Marion came forth to present on the Rev. W.C. Thompson Free Methodist Church. Marvin and Saylor informed the commission on the history surrounding the buildings, the plans for restoration and answered commissioners' questions regarding the project. Marvin and Saylor asked for a letter of support from HPC to strengthen their case with the Iowa Historic State Preservation Project. Ciha asked what Marvin and Saylor would like the letter to say. Wylam presented a sample Resolution of Support that had been created and sent by Marvin.

Pilcher made the motion to adopt the Resolution of Support as written, Westercamp seconded the motion. Discussion was held. McNall had reservations about the way it was written. Pilcher amended her motion to create a letter of support, Westercamp seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 ayes, 0 nays and Copeland-Marvin abstaining.

Discussion on who would write the letter was had. Pilcher made the motion to empower Colledge-Skelton to redraft the sample letter, Westercamp seconded. Motion carried with 7 ayes, 0 nays and Copeland-Marvin abstaining.

FY 2024 Work Plan

Lincoln Highway Kiosks

Ciha asked if there had been any recent communication from Jeanie Hau on the Abbe Creek kiosk. Wylam indicated there had been no recent communication. Ciha mentioned interest in hiring a civil engineer to create a plan for development for the area off Mount Vernon Road where the Lincoln Heights kiosk is located. McNall thought a landscape architect might be a better option. Discussion was held. Pilcher thought with the current fiscal situation it would be better to move ahead with the Wanatee Park kiosk. Committee members were in agreeance. Ciha will investigate pricing for one kiosk and reach out to Linn County Conservation for any improvement plans they have for the area. McNall will talk with a landscape architect working on Brucemore and have them look at the site for the Lincoln Heights kiosk on Mount Vernon Road.

FY26 Grant Process

Copeland-Marvin presented updates to the grant application. Suggestions on wording were made by the committee on multiple items in the application. Copeland-Marvin to contact staff with any questions regarding the changes that were suggested.

2024 Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report

Wylam reported the CLG Annual Report needs to be completed by the end of February. Hanna will present the report to the Linn County Board of Supervisors on February 10th or 17th. It was noted for the report that Hanna attended the Preserve Iowa Conference. Pilcher brought up a presentation done by Kraft that also could be added to the report. Kraft said she had presented to the Cedar Rapids Literary Club on the response to the 2008 Cedar Rapids flood especially regarding the Czech & Slovak Museum and the African American Museum. It was suggested by Colledge-Skelton to add the work completed on the Seedling Mile signage.

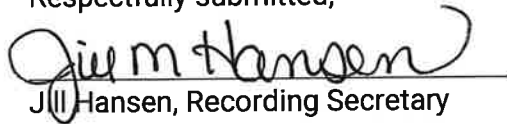
Next Meeting

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m. by McNall.

Respectfully submitted,


Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved,


Todd McNall, Vice Chair