



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
December 15th, 2021

Members Present

Maura Pilcher, Chair
Michael LeClere, Vice-Chair
Amanda Happel, Secretary
Steve Ciha
Barb Westercamp
Nancy Kraft

Absent

Todd McNall
Hilary Copeland-Marvin
Robert Peterson

Guests

Staff Present

Stephanie Lientz, Staff Liaison
Desire Irakoze, Planning & Development Staff
Susan Bennett, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Westercamp, second by Happel, those present voting aye, to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021.



Announcements/Communication

Lientz stated that Nancy Kraft and Bob Peterson have officially been reappointed for a 3-year term, ending 12/31/24.

Maura Pilcher also agreed to be re-appointed for an additional 3 years. Lientz will get that appointment on the Board of Supervisors agenda.

Lientz called attention to the email sent to the Commission regarding The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund.

Budget

Current Budget Amount : \$21,451. \$11,306 is earmarked for the payment for to CR Signs related to the replacement of 2 Lincoln Highway kiosks, leaving a total budget amount of \$10,040.

The question was asked if all monies due to Leah Rogers from Tallgrass had been paid for the nomination of Wickiup Hill to the National Historic Register. Lientz will check on that and let the HPC know.

Happel presented a request from Mount Vernon and Lisbon for \$2,000 each in seed money for replacement kiosks. The Commission discussed the matter.

Happel made a motion for the Historic Preservation Commission to provide \$2,000 in seed money to Mount Vernon and \$2,000 in seed money to Lisbon in order to assist both cities in acquiring grant funding to replace their existing kiosks. Westercamp seconded. All present voted aye. Motion passed.

New Business

None.

FY 2021 Work Plan

Section 106. The Commission discussed the Bertram Bridge move to Indian Creek Nature Center. Happel motioned to approve having a representative of the Commission sign the Bertram Bridge MOA. LeClere seconded. All present voted aye, motion carried. Pilcher signed MOA.

RPI. Pilcher talked with Miriam Knutson regarding her family's farm at 1534 Ivanhoe Road. Miriam will be in Cedar Rapids from January 9 to January 17, 2022. Pilcher and Happel will work to facilitate meetings between Miriam and the Genealogical Center, the History Center, Leah Rogers, and the Ely Historical Society.

HRDP/CLG grant. LeClere will check in with Wickiup Hill to see if they would like to shoot for this year (2022) (2023) or next year (2023) (2024).

HPC Grant. Kraft and Happel provided an update from the subcommittee, which consists of Happel, Kraft and Copeland-Marvin. They have cut excess verbiage and streamlined questions in order to make the grant application easier to understand and complete. They will provide a copy of the new grant application to the Commission after Christmas. Once that is disseminated, please review it as soon as possible. Per Pilcher, her goal is to approve the new application at the January 19, 2022 Historical Preservation Commission meeting.

Granger House Update. The Commission discussed drafting a letter to the Board of the Granger House asking for an update on the roof replacement. We would include a copy of the correspondence and invoice so the Board understands we are requesting more information than they have previously provided.

Genealogical Survey Report. The receipt provided was extremely difficult to read. Happel will ask the Genealogical Society to provide a more readable receipt. The Commission especially wants to verify that the sleeves were acid free.

HRDP. It was suggested that, when the Commission hosts the annual grant workshop that we should invite HRDP to talk about their grant.

Happel mentioned that she spoke with Steve Estensen in March regarding possibly obtaining FEMA money for sign repair for damages caused by the August 2020 derecho. Happel will send the correspondence to Lientz to follow up with Steve.

Annual Report to Board of Supervisors. Pilcher will present to the Board in February, and will at that time mention that the HPC intent to request additional grant funding for future years.

Ciha noted that he went to one of the pipeline meetings, and it's possible it will be located close to the Abbe Creek Cemetery.

Next Meeting

January 19th, 2021

Adjournment -

Motion by Kraft, second by LeClere, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Approved,



Maura Pilcher, Chair