



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
January 19th, 2022

Members Present

Maura Pilcher, Chair
Michael LeClere, Vice-Chair
Amanda Happel, Secretary
Steve Ciha
Barb Westercamp
Hilary Copeland-Marvin
Robert Peterson

Absent

Todd McNall
Nancy Kraft

Guests

Staff Present

Stephanie Lientz, Staff Liaison
Susan Bennett, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Election of Officers

Motion by Westercamp to keep current officers in place for 2022 (Pilcher as Chair, LeClere as Vice-Chair, and Happel as Secretary). Second by Ciha. All in favor. Motion carried.



Approval of Minutes

Motion by Happel, second by Westercamp, those present voting aye, to approve the minutes of December 15, 2021.

Announcements/Communication

Pilcher stated that she has new contact information for Dick Thomas if anyone wants it.

Lientz informed the Commission that the mileage reimbursement forms are due March 1, 2022. Happel & Pilcher gave the sheets to Bennett; Westercamp stated she does not intend to turn one in.

Lientz stated she had forwarded an email from the Historical Trust Preservation and the State Historical Society.

Lientz also stated that she has posters for the Oak Hill Cemetery if anyone wants one, Westercamp would like one. Lientz will bring her one for the next meeting.

Lientz has the contact information for a woman who has contacted the HPC regarding the Poor Farm Cemetery. To everyone's best knowledge, that cemetery is located under the landfill across the street from the Poor Farm.

Pilcher stated she heard an advertisement regarding an interactive archeological experience from Sandford regarding the city of Cherokee, Iowa and thought that might be a good idea for Wickiup.

Happel met with Miriam Knutson regarding the family farm at 1534 Ivanhoe Road. Miriam's project is completed, however, the Commission is still considering using this farm for the Rural Preservation Initiative.

Ciha passed around a newspaper article regarding the Troy Mills Linn County Map restoration project that used funds from the Historic Preservation Commission grant.

Happel stated the Ely History Center might be folding. HPC discussed. Ely's sesquicentennial is next year. Happel recommended that the History Center and contents might be given to the Ely City Council to oversee.

Budget

Current Budget Amount : \$10, 040. Kiosk invoice has been paid. Funds to Lisbon and Mt Vernon for seed money to use for grant funding for Lincoln Highway Kiosks discussed. Happel will forward information to Lientz.

New Business

None.

FY 2022 Work Plan

Regarding Section 6, HPC has been contacted regarding a cell tower located within Cedar Rapids. Due to courtesy, we are being kept in the loop, but the actual requests will be forwarded to the CityHistoric Preservation Commission.

We are still considering the Klinski Farm for the Rural Preservation Initiative.

The Grant Briefing Program will be held virtually this year, on Saturday, March 5th at 10 am. The updated and revised grant application will be sent to Commission members within the week. Members are strongly encouraged to test the application, and refer any form issues to Happel and any MS Word issues to Marvin-Copeland. Once the applications are collected and sibursed to members, the scores will be due by April 27, 2022.

The Central City Historical Society's annual grant report was discussed. Lientz will ask for before and after pictures, as well as copies of all related invoices.

Pilcher is still trying to contact those parties responsible for grant administration for Granger house. The grant we awarded was for the roof of the Granger House, which has clearly not been completed.

Happel will be contacting the Geneological Society to ensure that the notebooks purchased were suitable for archival purposes.

The Commission is still committed to moving forward on the seed money for the Lisbon & Mount Vernon Lincoln Highway kiosks.

The draft CLG annual report was discussed. LeClere motioned to approve pending discussed changes, Westercamp seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

February 16, 2022

Adjournment -


Motion by Westercamp, second by LeClere, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Approved,



Maura Pilcher, Chair