



## LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes  
February 17, 2021

### **Members Present**

Maura Pilcher  
Amanda Happel  
Michael LeClere  
Todd McNall  
Steve Ciha  
Barb Westercamp  
Hilary Copeland-Marvin

### **Absent**

Patricia Soukup  
Richard Thomas

### **Staff Present**

Stephanie Lientz, Staff Liaison  
Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

### **Call to Order**

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Announcements/Communication**

Lientz stated that she will provide member emails to National Trust for Historic Preservation so that they can send emails directly to members. She will also provide that info to Paula Mohr as well.

The CLG Annual Report has been submitted.

We will be using the already existing GoToMeeting link for the virtual grant workshop on March 6, 2021.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Happel motioned, Copeland-Marvin second, all present voting aye to approve minutes from January 20,



2021 meeting as submitted.

### **Budget**

Remaining account balance is \$23,470.50, less the \$10,000 owed to Tall Grass, for a total of \$13, 470.50.

### **New Business**

May is Historic Preservation Month, and Amanda is working on some online-presentations for the group. She might ask previous grant recipients to consider presenting as well.

No one from the Commission or the Planning & Development staff have heard any feedback regarding the online application form for the HPC grant.

### **FY20 Work Plan**

Pilcher updated the Commission on the status of the Rural Preservation Initiative with regard to Wickiup Hill. Leah is working on creating the initiative component, but due to the Derecho those plans are moving forward very slowly. Pilcher suggested the Commission might apply for a HRDP grant for Phase II.

There are 5 outstanding final reports still due to the Commission. Lientz will contact them, but the Commission discussed providing an extension for those organizations.

For the March 6<sup>th</sup> workshop, the Commission discussed including screen shares and showing application tips to the participants. Happel will organize that.

Lincoln Kiosk Discussion. Ciha presented 3 options :

- 1) Rebuild 2 kiosks and paint/repair the remaining 6, for an approximate cost of \$15,000.
- 2) Demolish existing kiosks and build 8 new kiosks like the one behind the fire station, for an approximate cost of \$69,000. (based on quote of \$9354 for each kiosk from Nesper Signs and a \$500 demolition budget for each kiosk).
- 3) Demolish existing kiosks and build 8 new kiosks like the ones erected by the Lincoln Highway Heritage group, for an approximate cost of \$21,000 (based on a quote of \$3000 for each kiosk and a \$500 demolition budget for each kiosk).

The Commission discussed the options briefly and Happel motioned that the Commission move forward with Option 2. Westercamp seconded. All in favor.

Ciha proposed to start the process with the Haskell Park kiosk as it was totally destroyed by the derecho storm, with repairs to the remaining kiosks added as funding becomes available.

McNall will work with Adam Lindenlaub with the City of Cedar Rapids to see if CR would consider contributing funds toward the new build.

Lientz will follow up with a bidding plan. It was noted that, in order to use funds before the end of the fiscal year, the funds must be paid to a contractor by June 24, 2021.

Happel asked if we could add additional content via a QR code.

Ciha will scan the kiosk drawings he created for Nesper Signs to McNall & Lientz.

**Next Meeting**

March 17, 2021

**Adjournment** – Motion by Ciha, second by Happel, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

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Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

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Maura Pilcher, Chair