



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
April 19, 2023

Members Present

Maura Pilcher, Chair
Michael LeClere
Todd McNall, Vice-Chair
Steve Ciha
Barb Westercamp, Secretary
Hilary Copeland-Marvin
Robert Peterson
Kim Hanna

Absent

Nancy Kraft

Guests

Marilyn Millard, Coggon Community Historical Society
Stefanie Kohn, National Czech & Slovak Museum
Therese Smith, Save CR Heritage
Cindy Hadish, Save CR Heritage
Jessica Peal Austin, Bruce more
Jenny Archibald, Coggon Area Betterment
Brooke Prouty, Uptown Marion

Staff Present

Stephanie Lientz, Staff Liaison
Bradley Wylam, 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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by McNall, second by Westercamp, those present voting aye, to approve minutes of March 15, 2023.



Announcements/Communication

Bob Peterson gave an update on his presentation about his time with the Command and Control Center in Duluth in Madison, Wisconsin. He said it went well. The presentation at the Marion Historical Society is postponed until further notice.

Lientz reminded staff about the Preserve Iowa summit, and to let staff know if a Commission member would like to attend.

Budget

\$ 19,210

New Business

FY24 Grant Applicant Presentations (optional – 10 min each, 5 min QA; listed in order application was received)

Coggon Community Historical Society

Marilyn Millard presented. She is the Secretary and grant writer for the organization. They are requesting \$600 for a downspout and gutters to Clemons House. Q (Pilcher): Are there moisture issues and where are they located? A: there are 3, located alongside the trim. Q (Copeland-Marvin) What area will the downspout cover and to where will it drain? A: It will collect water from the east side, but discharge on the west to avoid a city walkway on the east.

National Czech & Slovak Museum

Stefanie Kohn, Curator, presented. They are asking for \$2080 to purchase a very specific dress form to display the folk dress of a Cedar Rapids native. The native was small, and their current dress forms are too large to safely display the dress. Q (Ciha) Once the form is received, will the dress be on display? A: Yes, it will be rotated into the display. Fabric is usually on display for about a year, and then, when not on display, the dress has a special archival box where it will be stored between exhibitions.

Save CR Heritage

Therese Smith, VP of Save CR Heritage, and Cindy Hadish presented. They are requesting \$ 5200 to pay for external repair of the J.E. Halvorson House. Q (Ciha) : The outside of the house is not original – are there long-term plans to replace? A: Yes, but the first priorities are the exterior of the house and saving the money to guarantee it can be moved by 2027. A long-range goal is to restore the exterior to original materials.

Brucemore

Jessica Peal Austin presented for Brucemore. They are requesting funds to fix the Night Garden Steps, which are in disrepair, and the Garden pad, which needs minor tuckpointing and maintenance. Q (McNall): Will you utilize existing bricks to repair. A: Yes, if the bricks are in good shape. Contractor they have hired will also attempt to source historically appropriate brick for the repairs.

Coggon Area Betterment Association

Jenny Archibald, Secretary and grant writer, presented. They are requesting funds to purchase a safe to store keys and important documents. Q (McNall): Do you own the building? A : Yes. Q (Ciha): Is the long-term goal to acquire documents for preservation? A: That is long-term goal, but right now the group wants to make sure that they have a place to safely put all the various keys to the building, and preserve the 30 documents that they have currently.

Uptown Marion

Brooke Prouty presented. They are asking for funds to create a metal frame and informational display to preserve an original carriage step. It was hit by a snowplow, and is currently in disrepair. Q (Pilcher): is Uptown Marion a non-profit? A: Yes, but the step unit is owned by the city. Q (Copeland-Marvin) : Is the area where it will be located in the right of way, or on private property. A: the step will be placed wherever it can best be viewed and protected.

FY 2023 Work Plan

Discuss & Decide - FY23 Preservation Grant Final Report / Central City Historical Society Motion by McNall, second by Hanna to approve report. All present voted in favor.

Discuss & Decide – FY23 Grant Extension for Ely Community History Society
This grant needs to be reviewed, possibly by the County Attorney's office, as the bills were paid by Ely City Hall, and the HPC cannot fund state agencies.

Review Request for Proposals for Klinsky Farm NRHP Nomination Consultant
MCNall suggested we move the question deadline to May 25, 2023. This was done. The Commission discussed wording of the sentence regarding the Klinsky family's participation in this project. Motion by Westercamp to approve Request for Proposal, second by Hanna. All present voted in favor.

Lincoln Highway Kiosk Update

Lientz has sent the file containing the additional information to Lisbon and Mount Vernon for their approval. The wording was approved by both cities, and the files are currently with CR Signs.

Next Meeting

Special Grant Meeting to Discuss Grant Funding Recommendations, Wednesday, May 4, 2023; next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Approved,



Maura Pilcher, Chair