LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
June 21, 2023

Members Present
Maura Pilcher, Chair
Todd McNall, Vice-Chair
Steve Ciha
Barb Westercamp, Secretary
Hilary Copeland-Marvin
Robert Peterson
Nancy Kraft
Kim Hanna

Absent
Michael LeClere

Guests

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 4:01 p.m.

Public Comment
None

Approval of Minutes
Motion by Westercamp, second by McNall, those present voting aye, to approve minutes of May 17, 2023.

Announcements/Communication
FY24 HPC Grant Recommendations to Board of Supervisors – June 20 & June 21. Pilcher & Lientz presented to the Board of Supervisors. Save CR Heritage spoke in the public session thanking the Supervisors for their support.
CLG Grant Funding Update Email. Lientz sent this out and verified everyone present saw it. There was some discussion about whether we could request another since we have one in process (Klinsky Farms).

Peterson completed the documentation of the Japanese Wood Prints and brought a copy for anyone who would like to review it.

**Budget**
There is $19,210 in the budget. Fall amendment will need to be made because make the payment cut off as there was an issue getting the panels for the signs. Funds for the Klinsky nomination will come from the HPC budget.

**New Business**
None.

**FY 2023 Work Plan**
Discuss & Decide - Consider proposal for NRHP Nomination - RFP for Klinsky Farm NRHP Nomination. McNall noted that everyone involved in this project has been with the company less than a year. Kraft asked if HPC could contact references. Possible questions for the references include: Are they responsive? Are they good with deadlines? Are there any concerns they might have with the company? Copeland-Marvin asked if the number of proposed drafts are sufficient. The company also appears to be anticipating a CIBO review in 30 days, which may not be realistic.

Motion by McNall to accept the proposal pending 2 positive references. Copeland-Marvin seconded. All present voted aye.


Motion by Westercamp, second by Kraft, all present voting aye to approve final grant report from the Ely History Society.

Update on Lisbon, Mount Vernon, State Patrol Lincoln Highway Kiosks. McNall & Cihstaeked the locations with Mount Vernon & Lisbon staff. The new Lisbon kiosk will be downtown, and the new Mt Vernon kiosk will be further east, in the old right of way near the streetlight.

Update on County Home Water Tower. Cihastated Brad Ketels, Linn County Engineering said that the water tower is still in operation, and the water is tested daily. The long-term plans for the tower are in flux because Linn County is moving the Engineering building and will probably sell that property.

Cihamotioned to inform the BOS that there is public concern about the future of the water tower. Discussion followed. It was noted that Darrin Gage, Director of Policy & Administration in the Board of Supervisors’ office, is aware of the concerns. It was also noted that if the county sells the property, the likelihood is that the new owner will let the tower remain. Lientz noted that, at this time, Marion has indicated that they will not extend
city services to that area. Pilcher reminded HPC members that the tower is not National Register eligible. Ciha withdrew the motion.

Pilcher said there was a sequence on CBS Sunday Morning regarding Paul Revere Williams, and his importance in American architecture. The Witwer Estate on East Post Road was designed by him.

**Next Meeting**
July 19, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Approved,

Maura Pilcher, Chair