



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes
May 20th, 2020

Members Present

Maura Pilcher
Amanda Happel
Barb Westercamp
Michael LeClere
Richard Thomas
Todd McNall
Steve Ciha

Absent

Nancy Goodlove
Patty Soukup

Staff Present

Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison
Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

None

Announcements/Communication

None

Approval of Minutes

Westercamp motioned, Happel second, all present voting aye to approve minutes from May 6th, 2020 meeting as submitted.

Budget

Remaining account balance is \$19,516.00. \$98.03 remaining in FY20 Grant Fund.

New Business



FYI to all members: There is a National Register-eligible bridge available for free. The state is inviting someone to own a US 30 bridge over the Cedar River, built in 1953. There is no charge - the state will donate the bridge - as long as it maintains National Register eligible.

Welcome to Barb Westercamp at her 1st official meeting!

FY20 Work Plan

Review of the current fiscal year.

1st Goal is Preservation & Planning.

HPC has jurisdiction over demolition of NHR properties. Next step, full commission discussion to organize goals and desired outcomes of a demolition review/delay project. Patty & Todd are on committee. Is Barb interested in joining this committee?

Section 106 Review. Pilcher, Thomas & Michael LeClere on committee.

RPI Rural Preservation Initiative.

Pioneer Cemetery Inventory. Goodlove, Soukup, and Happel on committee

National Registry nominations

Grant Applications

2nd Goal is Public Outreach

One goal being worked on is the administrative grant program

Another goal is to Generate Meaningful Content on the Role of the HPC

Possible ways -- upgrade website and/or welcome brochure (?)

Lincoln Highway Association. HPC responsible for all the kiosks outside Cedar Rapids. Need to inspect & make sure they are maintained. Steve updated. 4 are ok, 4 are in bad shape. Ciha put together a task list. \$10,000 - 12,000 worth of work to get them back in shape. The one in Mt Vernon is the worst, then the Highway Patrol one.

Tertinger to find out how much we have to spend. Pilcher will entertain motion to have Ciha find out what he can do with that money, and send out an email reminder to the group, as we are unable to vote. Or delegate Thomas, Ciha & someone else to figure out how to repair the kiosks with the remaining \$4000.

Motion by Thomas. Chair appoint a committee to present to the HPC a recommendation for the upkeep of the Lincoln Hwy kiosks, and have the committee to present HPC a report as soon as possible of what they are going to do immediately and what should be done in the next year. 2 part - Part 1 quick \$4000 best spent and Part 2 3 year plan for what needs more work. Westercamp second. Ciha, Thomas & McNall on committee. Might be difficult to spend \$4000 thoughtfully in 45 days. McNall asked if anything should be done this year. Ciha stated he can't even do Mt Vernon kiosk for \$4000.

McNall noted that we need to do through the county re: liability.
Annual Report to the BOS - Pilcher has done this.

Conduct outreach for 2021.
Table at Linn County Fair? Look at for next year
Outreach in school - maybe Barb would be interested?
Educating ourselves - preserve Iowa summit. HPC can attend on Linn Co budget.

Next Meeting

June 17th, 2020

Adjournment - Motion by Westercamp, second by McNall, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Maura Pilcher, Chair