



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes
July 15, 2020
Electronic Meeting

Members Present

Maura Pilcher
Amanda Happel
Michael LeClere
Todd McNall
Patty Soukup

Absent

Nancy Goodlove
Richard Thomas
Steve Ciha
Barb Westercamp

Staff Present

Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison
Jessie Black Recording Secretary

Special Statement: in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.8, and to comply with current local Public Health guidelines limiting public gatherings, this meeting will be held electronically. Information on how to access this meeting has been provided on the meeting agenda, posted on our website.

Call to Order

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Announcements/Communication

None

Approval of Minutes

Soukup motioned, LeClere second, all present voting aye to approve minutes from June 17, 2020 meeting as submitted.

Budget

Tertinger said as of June 30, the end of FY20, there was \$19,436 left in the operating account, all of which has since been swept back into the County's general fund. The FY21 allocation of \$9,545 has been



deposited into HPC's operating account. Tertinger said he anticipates Leah Rogers' invoice, in the amount of \$15k, will be sent out sometime within the next couple of months. HPC and P&D will have to have a discussion before November to determine amount to request back for fall amendment.

New Business

None

FY21 Work Plan

a. Preserve Iowa Summit Recap

The commission decided to table this discussion due to Westercamp's absence.

b. Demolition Review Discussion

McNall gave the commission an overview of the City of Cedar Rapids' demolition review policy; any structure over 50 years old or any accessory structure built prior to 1942 is eligible for review. McNall said there is a time limit on review process. He also stated that demolition review can only postpone demolition, not stop it entirely. If the structure is deemed unsafe, the city has the authority to demo without HPC's review, but will allow HPC to take photos of structure.

Soukup wondered what the trigger for Linn County demo review would be. Pilcher said demolition permit application would be considered the trigger.

The group discussed language that could potentially be added to Linn County ordinance, in reference to demolition review. Tertinger said Linn County's demolition review policy could be the same, or very similar, to Cedar Rapids'.

Pilcher said land marking is the only thing that can put a stop to demolition. McNall informed HPC that there are 8+ properties within the city limits of Cedar Rapids that have been land marked.

Pilcher wondered what next steps were. LeClere mentioned 3D scanning of historic properties prior to demolition, instead of just taking photos.

Next Meeting

August 19, 2020

Adjournment – Motion by Happel, second by LeClere, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Jessie Black, Recording Secretary

Maura Pilcher, Chair

