



Linn County Historic Preservation Commission

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Minutes May 2, 2018

Members Present

Maura Pilcher
Patricia Soukup
Amanda Happel
Nancy Goodlove
Dick Thomas
Connie Robinson
Mary Ottoson
Michael LeClere

Absent

Brent Harstad

Staff Present

Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison
Jill Mathey, Staff Recording Secretary
Les Beck, Director Planning and Development

Call to Order

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

New Business

FY19 Historic Preservation Grant Project Presentations

Jami Roskamp spoke on behalf of the History Center project: to preserve and digitize the donated disks of Eastern Iowa radio personality Bob Brooks.

Greg Smith spoke on behalf of the Alburnett Community Historical Society project: to update the electrical system walls and ceiling in the mercantile room, the old grocery/feed store.

Jessica Peale-Austin spoke on behalf the Bruce more Inc. project: a gift of IMCo. Archival materials collection will be processed, catalogued, and rehoused for historical research into the industry of Iowa during the 20th century.

No one from Coggon Community Historical Society attended, so there was no presentation on their two projects:

1. The purchase of a projector.
2. Approximately 800 slides will be digitized and uploaded to a searchable archive created and maintained by Advantage Preservation.

Karen Wilson and Karen Parker presented the Mayflower Chapter, National Society daughters of the American Revolution project: to remove and repair top of monument, remove concrete footing of the Nathan Brown Monument, replace base with cement foundation, and install a granite foundation cover and granite base.

David Goodlove spoke on behalf of the Central City Historical Society project: Repair and paint nineteen wooden storm windows from the main section of Sawyer House.

No one from Troy Mills Historical Society attended, so there was no presentation on their project: to connect water to the old one-room school house that they plan to use for artifact display and storage. The first stage to remedying this is connecting the property to the existing sewer service.

Patricia Soukup spoke on behalf of the Fairfax Cemetery Association project: Hire a company who will use ground penetrating radar to determine ownership and actual burial in the cemetery.

Julie Barnes presented on behalf of the Cornell College project: Replace destroyed bell, restore and preserve hammers (rebuild hammer pivot pins and bushings and powder coat), install a new bell cable linkage and pulley system, and repair the functional connection between the Seth Thomas tower clock and four bells.

Lynette Brenzel spoke on behalf of the Marion Heritage Center & Museum project: Repair the limestone and masonry foundation of the Heritage Center building by patching and repointing.

Public Comment

None

Announcements / Communication

Tertinger shared a letter he received from the St Paul's United Methodist Church, pertaining to a community-mapping project, and event on 5-22-18.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Goodlove second by LeClere, those present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Budget

There were expenditures of \$ 0 during April, leaving an operating budget of \$ 11,200. There is \$ 0 remaining in the HPC Grant Program budget, as of April 30, 2018. There will be an amendment request in the fall of 2018, for the \$8000 currently owed to the HPC.

2018 Work Plan

Pilcher reviewed the 2018 Work Plan and updated the following items:

Section 106 review: the commission will discuss at the May 16 meeting.

No RPI updates at this time.

LeClere said it would be beneficial to recruit students to help with story map.

LeClere asked if anyone had spoken with Dennis Goemaat about meeting with the HPC. Tertinger said he would call him and setup a meeting.

Grant program: Picher suggested for next year, they still require financial records, but have them available upon request, as opposed to printing them all out.

Pilcher said those assigned should start doing the kiosks inspections.

Thomas informed the commissioners; the Linn County Conservation Dept. has made substantial improvements at the Abbe Creek School site, and thought the HPC should send them a letter of appreciation.

Preservation month activity: Pilcher said there will be an open house and brief presentation of on Sunday May 22, from 2:00—4:00 PM at the Center Point Depot. There will be refreshments, and the HPC will present them with the Historical Registration certificate.

Pilcher encouraged HPC members to attend if possible.

Pilcher will send an invitation to the BOS, Tertinger will have Joi post something on the Linn County website also.

Tertinger will email an invitation to the HPC members.

Pilcher asked if there could have a hard copy of the previous research, and a laptop on site so people could look at the reports and be able to access the HPC website. Tertinger will take care of it.

Motion by Soukup second by Happel those present voting aye, to approve a budget of \$30 to frame the Historical Registration certificate for Center Point.

Fund and promote training: Happel, Pilcher and Ottoson plan to attend the NAPC forum in Des Moines, IA July18-22, 2018.

The next HPC meeting will be May 16, and score sheets need to be returned to Tertinger by May 9.

Happel asked if there would be a HPC meeting in July, as it would be during the time NAPC forum in DM. Tertinger suggested we discuss it at the next HPC meeting.

Motion by Ottoson second by Robinson those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:15 PM.

Next Meeting – May 16, 2018 – Special Grant Review & Recommendation Meeting

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Jill Mathey, Recording Secretary

Maura Pilcher, Chair

