



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes
October 17, 2018

Members Present

Maura Pilcher
Patricia Soukup
Amanda Happel
Brent Harstad
Nancy Goodlove
Michael LeClere
Connie Robinson

Absent

Dick Thomas

Staff Present

Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison
Jessica Black, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

Public Comment

Soukup announced that Save CR Heritage held a salvage sale that raised over \$700. The next sale will take place the last weekend of October and again on November 3rd & 4th. She also told the group that Fairfax Historical Society received T.A.N. grant moneys, allowing the state to assess Soukup's building for historical renovations.

Announcements / Communication

Tertinger informed the group that he received the 2019 Most Endangered Properties Application from Paula Mohr, via email, and that if any members of the commission wish to nominate a property, visit www.preservationiowa.org or see him for a hard copy. Deadline is December 3rd, 2018.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Robinson, second by Soukup, those present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018 Historic Preservation Commission meeting as corrected.

Budget

There were expenditures of \$0 during September, leaving an operating budget of \$9545.00.



Tertinger explained the \$500 grant came in and will be put into to the general fund, but they will have to pay the conference expenses out of the general fund for now, and will have to ask for it back in the fall amendment, along with the \$8000 CLG grant.

New Business

No new business.

FY19 Work plan

Wapsi Valley presentation on Coggon Commercial Historic District National Register Nomination

Nurit Finn introduced herself as the President of Wapsi Valley Archeology, and Maria Schmitt as the Wapsi Valley Architectural Historian.

Finn presented a PowerPoint on the Coggon Commercial Historic District National Register Nomination, offering a brief, but detailed, synopsis on the establishment of the Coggon Historic District. Finn expressed the importance of the railroad in Coggon's development. She showed the commission several photos of the progression of establishment, as well as maps reflecting the Historic District boundaries, and explained how the Historic District boundaries were defined.

Schmitt presented pictures and background information on buildings within the Historic District. For each picture, Schmitt pointed out architectural details and explained reasons why each building was either contributing or non-contributing.

Pilcher questioned provided information on passenger rails; she wondered when passengers stopped in Coggon. Finn said she would check her sources to confirm. She also expressed concerns regarding the Jan Olive Nash document and its specific relation to Coggon.

LeClere mentioned the commission's inquiry about extending the Commercial Historic District to include the school. He let the group know that Paula Mohr advised against it.

Finn asked that if any members of the commission have specific changes they would like to make to the document, they be submitted to SHPO for evaluation.

Pilcher suggested that if any members wished to submit changes, they be sent to Tertinger by Friday, November 15th. Finn said she would submit the document, in its current state, to SHPO, and if any members submit revisions, she would send them with the final draft in November, in order to allow for more feedback from SHPO.

Finn mentioned the idea of story mapping to include other buildings and locations not within the Historic District; school, post office, pond, etc. Some commissioners agreed this would be a helpful tool. Finn suggested the group come up with a list of buildings or locations to include in story map.

HPC Website

Pilcher announced her and Tertinger would meet with LeClere on Friday, October 19th to further discuss. She will present website updates to the commission members in November.

Other Business

Pilcher said she would add Pioneer Cemeteries to the work plan under Goal A; creating an advisory committee made up of Patty, Nancy, and Amanda, and work with Board of Supervisors to obtain more

information on pioneer cemeteries and potentially provide funding for additional research on said cemeteries.

Pilcher requested approval of partial payment for Wapsipinicon Valley Archeology Invoice for \$6,887.83. Motion by LeClere, second by Goodlove. All present voting aye.

The group agreed to discuss Demolition Review at the next meeting to allow for more time to look over provided materials and brainstorm ideas for new policies.

Goodlove requested an updated contact list for all Historic Preservation Members.

Soukup told the group she planned to meet with Jason Wright on Monday, October 22nd, to discuss original historical society group.

Motion by Robinson, second by Soukup, those present voting aye, to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting

November 14, 2018

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Jessie Black, Recording Secretary

Maura Pilcher, Chair