CITY OF BELVIDERE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES May 25, 2021

5:30 pm City Hall Council Chambers 401 Whitney Boulevard

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Staff Present:

Lisa Kummerow, Chair David Kummerow, Vice Chair Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Sonya Dobberfuhl

Members Absent

Kris Bryan Filitsa Platopoulos Alexandra Omiotek Vacant

Lisa Kummerow called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

MINUTES: Since there was no quorum present, minutes were not approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Introductory conversation was held between commissioners and potential new members.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2021 Awards Program: Gina DelRose stated that the Boone County Museum of History is available on October 14, 2021.

The Commission members stated that day would be acceptable.

Gina DelRose reviewed the list of potential award recipients and provided pictures of the property.

The Commission decided not to grant awards to projects that were not fully completed yet. The Commission will monitor the property's progress and possibly grant an award in 2022.

The Commission decided to award 4 Achievement awards, 1 Continued Excellence award, 1 Millie Priem award, 1 Organization award and 1 Downtown Revitalization award.

Lisa Kummerow recommended using Coaches' Corner for catering due to past positive experiences with them.

<u>Promotional/Fundraising Events:</u> Gina DelRose stated that a fundraising event can be held later in the summer or the fall.

Leath Warehouse Update: Gina DelRose stated that the condition of the building is worsening.

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<u>Maintenance Small Grant:</u> Gina DelRose stated that she has talked to several property owners and that the deadline is May 31, 2021.

10 Year Plan: No updates.

Expenditures: No updates.

Friends of Preservation: No updates.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of American Belvidere and Boone County

Royalties: None.

Book Sales: None.

DISCUSSION:

Newsletter- Gina DelRose stated that she would publish a newsletter closer to the date of the awards program in October.

US Route 20- Gina DelRose stated that the Zero to Epic campaign was successful and that Alex Simon made it from Boston, MA to Newport, OR safely. While he was passing through Belvidere, the Kummerows and she treated him to coffee.

Website Update- Gina DelRose stated that Commission's webpage is still being updated and to provide any feedback to her.

CLG Annual Report- Gina DelRose summarized the CLG Annual Report and the FY 22 Work Plan and Budget. Ms. DelRose stated that the City is still waiting for reimbursement from the Courthouse Square Area Phase III Survey and until that is received from the State of Illinois, she does not recommend applying for any more grants.

<u>Staff Report:</u> Gina DelRose stated that Brechon Dental will be undergoing a significant façade improvement and that two new restaurants are anticipated to be opening this year.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 22, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Recorded by

Gina DelRose

Community Development Planner

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