

**CITY OF BELVIDERE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
June 23, 2020  
5:30 pm  
City Hall Council Chambers  
401 Whitney Boulevard**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Lisa Kummerow, Chair  
David Kummerow, Vice Chair  
Alexandra Omiotek  
Filitsa Platopoulos  
Becky Tobin

**Staff Present:**

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

**Members Absent**

Kris Bryan

With a quorum present, Lisa Kummerow called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Chair Lisa Kummerow, Vice-Chair David Kummerow and members Filitsa Platopoulos, Alexandra Omiotek and Becky Tobin were present remotely for the meeting.

**MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Platopoulos) to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2020 meeting. The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Work Plan**

**2020 Awards Program:** Gina DelRose stated that Phase IV allows for groups of 50 people or less to gather. Typically the awards program has 60-70 people. Ms. DelRose stated that she believes the Commission should determine who will be receiving awards and start planning the event with a limited guest list.

**Promotional/Fundraising Events:** Gina DelRose stated that smaller, more intimate fundraisers will need to be held in order to maintain the 50 person limit.

**Leath Warehouse Update:** No updates.

**Maintenance Small Grant:** Gina DelRose stated that she would contact the two recipients to check on the status of their work.

**10 Year Plan:** Gina DelRose stated that the Lakota Group will be submitting the plan for an Illinois APA Chapter Award.

**Expenditures:** None.

**Friends of Preservation:** No updates.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Images of American Belvidere and Boone County**

Royalties: No updates.

Book Sales: No updates.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Newsletter-** Gina DelRose stated that the next edition of the newsletter will go out after the Awards Program is finalized.

**US Route 20-** David Kummerow stated that Bryan Farr has been very active on social media and promoting the Historic US Route 20 Association. Mr. Kummerow stated that he is hoping the Association will become more active in Illinois.

**Courthouse Square Area Phase III Survey-** Gina DelRose stated that the Lakota Group was able to complete their surveying work and are still working on the final document.

**Vacant Seat-** Gina DelRose stated that she received two resumes for the vacant commissioner's seat. Ms. DelRose stated that resumes were received from Mindy Long, who regularly attends Commission meetings and is the Local History Librarian at the Ida Public Library and Sonya Dobberfuhr who has past experience working with multiple historic preservation organizations.

Becky Tobin stated that Mindy Long would most likely continue to assist the Commission, therefore, she recommends appointing Sonya Dobberfuhr in order to expand the Commission's knowledge and volunteer base.

The Commission agreed with the sentiment.

It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Tobin) to recommend that the City Council appoints Sonya Dobberfuhr to the Historic Preservation Commission, filling the seat left vacant by Anna Pivoras. The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:**

**Staff Report:** Gina DelRose stated that Rock Valley College will be opening a satellite campus in the former Shopko building.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: July 28, 2020**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Recorded by

  
Gina DelRose

Community Development Planner