

CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
June 24, 2021
5:30 pm
City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Lisa Kummerow, Chair
David Kummerow, Vice Chair
Sonya Dobberfuhl
Alexandra Omiotek

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent

Kris Bryan
Filitsa Platopoulos
Vacant

Lisa Kummerow called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (Kummerow/Dobberfuhl) to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appropriateness- 628 Buchanan Street- Gina DelRose stated that the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for 628 Buchanan Street is to allow the wooden fascia to be replaced with cellular pvc fascia. The new fascia will be of a design more in-line with the original architecture of the residence.

Claudia Colla, referenced the pictures provided to show the damage the wooden fascia has sustained from years of neglect and explained how the gutter covers most of the decorative trim which is not original to the residence.

It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/D. Kummerow) to approve the requested Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion carried with a 4-0 roll call vote.

David Kummerow questioned if any other changes are planned for the residence.

Claudia Colla stated that she plans on restoring windows in the future along with maintenance of the brick and other features.

Downtown Façade Improvement Grant- Gina DelRose provided a recap of the 14 grant applications totaling \$53,839.00 in requested funds. Gina DelRose stated that \$19,290.00 is available to be awarded out. A limited number of requests could be fully funded or the money could be spread to as many projects as possible.

David Kummerow stated that it was nice to see so much interest in improving buildings.

Lisa Kummerow stated that she likes the idea of spreading the money out to as many projects as possible.

Gina DelRose went through each grant application and explained the project as well as the staff's recommendation for funding.

It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Omiotek) to approve staff's recommendation for awarding of grant funds. Motion carried with a 4-0 roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2021 Awards Program: No updates.

Promotional/Fundraising Events: No updates.

Leath Warehouse Update: Gina DelRose stated that the building will be torn down to safety issues.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose provided a recap of the 6 grant applications totaling \$12,762 in requested funds. Gina DelRose stated that she does not recommend the Commission granting more than \$4,000.00 in funds in order to not exhaust their funding source. A limited number of requests could be fully funded or the money could be spread to as many projects as possible.

Lisa Kummerow confirmed that 217 North State Street is not a historic building.

It was the consensus of the Commission to reallocate the proposed \$500 for 217 North State Street to 426 South State Street and 410 South State Street.

It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Dobberfuhl) to approve the following grant requests: \$500.00 for 405 W. Hurlbut Avenue, \$1,000.00 for 426 South State Street, \$1,000.00 for 409 South State Street and \$1,250.00 for 410 South State Street. Motion carried with a 4-0 roll call vote.

10 Year Plan: No updates.

Expenditures: No updates.

Friends of Preservation: No updates.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of American Belvidere and Boone County

Royalties: No updates.

Book Sales: No updates.

DISCUSSION: None.

Staff Report: Gina DelRose stated that there could be several large commercial and industrial developments occurring in the fall.

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NEXT MEETING DATE: July 27, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Recorded by



Gina DelRose
Community Development Planner