

CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
June 28, 2022
5:30 pm
City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Alexandra Omiotek
Sonya Dobberfuhr
David Larson
Dawn Brooks

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent:

Claudia Colla, Vice-Chair

The Historic Preservation Commission nominated Sonya Dobberfuhr to act as Chairman Pro-Tem.

Sonya Dobberfuhr called the meeting to order at 5:43 pm.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (Brooks/Omiotek) to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Downtown Façade Improvement Grant Program Applications:

Gina DelRose explained the City of Belvidere's façade grant program. Ms. DelRose stated that applications are forwarded to the Commission since the majority of the program area is within the North State Street Historic District and South State Street Historic District along with a few individually landmarked properties. Ms. DelRose stated that the Commission can choose to review all the requests and forward a recommendation to the City Council, review only those within districts or individually landmarked that would need Certificates of Appropriateness, or state that they have no comments for those properties not altering historically significant aspects of the buildings.

David Larson stated that the Commission's scope of review is historic preservation and that the Commission should prioritize projects based on that. David Larson confirmed that the grant is for exterior work and nothing structural or interior.

David Larson stated that 209 South State Street is the old telephone exchange building.

The Commission felt the Belvidere Board of Realtors' request was not historic.

The Commission felt that those that received previous grant money may receive a reduced amount in order to fund new projects.

The Commission felt that painting brick was not appropriate but was willing to assist with tuck pointing and brick repair.

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The Commission felt that vinyl windows were not appropriate and would increase funding if wooden windows were to be installed instead.

It was moved and seconded (Larson/Dobberfuhl) to recommend the following grant awards to the Belvidere City Council and to let the remaining balance roll over into next year's grant cycle. Motion carried unanimously.

215 N. State Street- Zero (not appropriate to historic preservation)
209 N. State Street- \$1,725
137 S. State Street- \$2,196
203 Logan Avenue- No recommendation due to lack of façade work
221 Logan Avenue- \$5,000
227 Logan Avenue- \$5,000
104 N. State Street- \$3,000 (will fund tuck pointing and repair but not painting)
527 S. State Street- \$1,696 (would recommend larger amount if changed to wooden windows)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2021 Awards Program: Gina DelRose stated that she would like for the Commissioners to have nominations ready for the July meeting. Ms. DelRose reviewed the four categories that are typically awarded.

Sandie Omiotek stated that a house on Lincoln Avenue was recently repainted.

Gina DelRose stated that a house on N. State Street was recently repainted.

David Larson stated that a Lustron House could be nominated for Continued Excellence.

Promotional/Fundraising Events: Fall Fundraisers: Gina DelRose stated that this can be discussed next month.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that one additional application was received prior to the deadline. Ms. DelRose stated that she does not recommend the commissioner exceeding \$1,000.00 in grant rewards based on how much money is available in the grant fund account.

Gina DelRose stated that the application received was for exterior painting at 406 W. Hurlbut Avenue for a total of \$1,300.00

It was moved and seconded (Brooks/Omiotek) to award 406 W. Hurlbut Avenue \$1,000.00 for exterior painting. Motion carried unanimously.

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: Gina DelRose stated that four postcard books sold for a total of \$80.00

Elections

David Larson nominated Sonya Dobberfuhl as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Sandie Omiotek. The vote carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Sonya Dobberfuhl nominated Claudia Colla to remain as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Dawn Brooks. The vote carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Dawn Brooks left the meeting at 6:46pm.

DISCUSSION:


David Larson discussed public transportation, specifically bus routes and their impact on commuters.

Staff Report: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 26, 2022

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Recorded by



Gina DelRose
Community Development Planner