

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

David Kummerow, Chair
Claudia Colla, Vice-Chair
Sonya Dobberfuhr
David Larson

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent

Lisa Kummerow
Alexandra Omiotek

David Kummerow called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (Dobberfuhr/Colla) to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kris Bryan questioned if the Commission was aware of the current condition of the Baltic Mill. Mr. Bryan stated that he is concerned about the neglect of the building.

David Kummerow stated that the Belvidere Township Park District is looking into the matter.

Gina DelRose stated that she recommended to previous park district staff that they should explore the possibility of landmarking the Baltic Mill in order to receive financial assistance for maintenance and repairs.

David Kummerow requested clarification for the Certificate of Appropriateness for fascia repair at 628 Buchanan Street that the Commission approved on June 24, 2021 with a 4-0 roll call vote.

Alex Colla showed pictures and provided an update of the renovations at 628 Buchanan Street.

David Kummerow acknowledged Kris Bryan and thanked him for coming.

Kris Bryan stated that he is feeling better and is interested in rejoining the Commission.

Gina DelRose stated that it is very important that Commission members regularly attend the meetings due to the need for quorums and said she anticipated needing assistance with events hosted by the Commission.

Gina DelRose stated that anyone interested in joining the Commission should send her a letter of interest.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2021 Awards Program: Gina DelRose stated that she has notified award recipients and has created the invitation list and prepared ad solicitation letters. Although the invitations have arrived she has not mailed them out yet because it is too soon for the October 14th event. Gina DelRose stated that she plans to use centerpieces that staff already has on-hand and is waiting to place a catering order until potential Covid restrictions are known.

Promotional/Fundraising Events: Kris Bryan questioned if the stained-glass window fundraiser was ever held.

Gina DelRose stated that she contacted the churches but got little to no response from them.

David Kummerow stated that the scavenger hunt held last fall was Covid friendly.

Gina DelRose questioned if anyone remembers how the previous Christmas House Walks were organized. Whether it was just outside decorations being viewed and how the Commission charges people when anyone can drive down the street to view the décor.

Sonya Dobberfuhl stated that actors could set up in front of historic homes and reenact their infamous ghost stories and lives of past residents.

The Commission directed staff to organize a ghost story fundraiser in October, a scavenger hunt fundraiser in November and a stained-glass window fundraiser in December.

David Kummerow requested that Gina DelRose contact the Commission in two weeks with reminders of the events.

Leath Warehouse Update: None.

Maintenance Small Grant: None.

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 several projects have been delayed.

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NEXT MEETING DATE: September 28, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Recorded by



Gina DelRose

Community Development Planner