

**CITY OF BELVIDERE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
A G E N D A  
Tuesday, December 18, 2018  
127 West Locust Street  
5:30 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members:**

David Kummerow, Chair  
Lisa Kummerow, Vice-Chair  
Anna Pivoras  
Kris Bryan  
Becky Tobin  
Filitsa Platopoulos  
Alexandra Omiotek

**Staff:**

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

**Ex-Officio:**

Mike Chamberlain, Mayor

**MINUTES: Approve Minutes—November 27, 2018**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Work Plan**

2019 Awards Program: Date, Location, Awards  
Promotional/Fundraising Events: January Murder Mystery- Materials, Budget  
Leath Warehouse Update: None  
Maintenance Small Grant: Send out 2019 letters  
10 Year Plan: Implementation  
Expenditures: None  
Friends of Preservation: None

**Hometown Christmas-** Deposit

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Images of America Belvidere and Boone County**

Royalties- No update  
Book Sales- No update

**DISCUSSION:**

**Newsletter**

**Community Building**

**Grease (film)**

**COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:**

**Staff Report:**

**Next Meeting Date: TBD**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF BELVIDERE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
November 27, 2018  
5:30 pm  
City Council Chambers  
401 Whitney Boulevard**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

David Kummerow, Chair  
Lisa Kummerow, Vice Chair  
Filitsa Platopoulos  
Anna Pivoras  
Becky Tobin  
Kris Bryan  
Alexandra Omiotek

**Staff Present:**

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

**Members Absent:**

None.

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

**MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Platopoulos) to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NAPC Membership-** Gina DelRose stated that membership to the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions would cost \$100. Ms. DelRose stated that there are approximately 25 other communities in Illinois that are members.

Anna Pivoras stated that alliances can be very beneficial and that the Boone County Museum of History is a member of three different alliances. Ms. Pivoras stated that she believes it is worth submitting a 1-year membership.

It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Pivoras) to submit a 1-year membership for \$100 to the NAPC. The motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Work Plan**

**2019 Awards Program:** Lisa Kummerow and Filitsa Platopoulos stated that they thought the Community Building Complex of Boone County worked well for the awards.

Becky Tobin stated that she felt the building was too big.

David Kummerow questioned if the building could be pre-booked. Mr. Kummerow stated that the building books up fast and maybe the Commission should pre-book it for the 2020 Murder Mystery or a US Route 20 event. Mr. Kummerow questioned what the cancellation fee would be and how much notice is needed for a cancellation.

Gina DelRose stated that she would check into it.

Promotional/Fundraising Events: January Murder Mystery:  
Anna Pivoras requested that the term "student" be removed from the flyer.

Becky Tobin agreed and stated that they are no longer students since the setting is a high school reunion.

Filitsa Platopoulos recommended the term "alumni".

Becky Tobin recommended adding the term "preppy".

David Kummerow invited the Commission to his house to watch the movie Grease. Mr. Kummerow stated that the Commission could do a hand jive flash mob during the event.

Anna Pivoras stated that Bob Fleischman is available Friday night and his business partner would be there on Saturday night. Ms. Pivoras stated that Mr. Fleischman donated numerous items to be used as props and decorations during the event.

It was moved and seconded (Tobin/L. Kummerow) to approve hiring Bob Fleischman at a cost not to exceed \$700. The motion carried unanimously.

Gina DelRose presented different menu items that were popular in the 1950s. Ms. DelRose stated that General Mills holds the official recipe for Chiffon Cake, which gives it a local connection.

Becky Tobin recommended that Gina DelRose discuss the menu with Sheri Casey to see what opinion is.

David Kummerow questioned if Lino's could provide the lasagna and meatballs.

Anna Pivoras stated that she has been to event that had multiple caterers.

David Kummerow questioned if Sheri Casey was providing bartending services as well. Mr. Kummerow suggested having beer, wine and a spiked punch.

Anna Pivoras stated that Tom Collins, Sidecars and Mint Juleps were popular in the 1950s.

Becky Tobin requested that the budget be updated to reflect the most recent changes.

Leath Warehouse Update: No updates.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that she intends to send out the 2019 grant cycle letters in December.

Becky Tobin stated that she would like to be able to offer more than \$1,000.00. Ms. Tobin stated that the Commission reward 50/50 matching grants up to \$2,000.00

Kris Bryan questioned if there are more submittals than there is money.

Gina DelRose stated that an applicant is not guaranteed \$2,000.00. The Commission may only give them 25% reimbursement if they felt that was more suitable.

Filitsa Platopoulos recommended increasing the allowable grant award to \$2,500.00 which would help with \$5,000.00 projects.

10 Year Plan: No updates.

Expenditures: No updates.

Friends of Preservation: No updates.

**Historic US Route 20 Signage**

Gina DelRose presented to the Commission the cost of the signs and installation information from the Public Works Department.

It was moved and seconded (Tobin/L. Kummerow) to approve purchasing five signs plus installation materials. The motion carried unanimously.

Gina DelRose stated that she was contacted by two other business owners who also intend to purchase signage.

Gina DelRose stated that the Commission received a Thank You Card from Bryan Farr.

David Kummerow stated that businesses in town could have US Route 20 items to sell.

Anna Pivoras stated that items and memorabilia could be available in the Boone County Museum of History.

David Kummerow stated that he believes Jack Wolf is joining the Historic US Route 20 Association.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Images of American Belvidere and Boone County**

Royalties: No updates.

Book Sales: No updates.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Belvidere Hometown Christmas-** Becky Tobin stated that she thought it was amazing that the David and Lisa Kummerow would be providing tours of the Swift House as a fundraiser during Hometown Christmas.

Kris Bryan stated that he would be glad to help with the tours.

Becky Tobin questioned if the Commission should be split between the Boone County Museum of History and the Swift House or just focus on the Swift House.

Kris Bryan stated that he believes the Commission should focus on the Swift House.

Gina DelRose questioned where the Commission wants Lee Gardner to play. He is currently scheduled to play at the Museum.

Anna Pivoras stated that people tend to gather around and listen to Mr. Gardner and that may disrupt the tours at the Swift House.

Lisa Kummerow stated that she will play Christmas music through the house and Mr. Gardner can stay at the Museum. Ms. Kummerow stated that she will be serving wassail and gingerbread cookies.

**Newsletter-** Gina DelRose stated that she will be posting the latest newsletter on Facebook.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:**

**Staff Report:** Gina DelRose provided the staff report.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Swift House.

The Commission held a discussion regarding having ice cream donated for the Murder Mystery. The intent is to recreate an old fashioned sundae bar for dessert.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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Gina DelRose  
Community Development Planner