

**CITY OF BELVIDERE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**April 27, 2021**  
**5:30 pm**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**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

With a quorum present, Lisa Kummerow called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded (Omiotek/Dobberfuhl) to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 meeting. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Work Plan**

**2021 Awards Program:** Gina DelRose gave a recap of the potential award winners. Ms. DelRose requested that commission members visit the properties in order to narrow down the list at the next meeting.

Lisa Kummerow stated that she felt the list was full of well-deserved recipients.

David Kummerow requested an update on the happenings of the Ida Public Library.

Lisa Kummerow recommended that the 2021 Awards Program be held at the Boone County Museum of History.

The consensus of the Commission was that the awards program be held in late October of 2021.

**Promotional/Fundraising Events:** Gina DelRose clarified that money raised during promotional and fundraising events goes towards the Property Maintenance Grant. The Commission is included in the City's fiscal budget and that money is used for publication, conferences, the awards program and to defer costs to host events.

It was the consensus of the Commission not to hold any large fundraisers due to Covid-19 and to focus on smaller scale events instead.

**Leath Warehouse Update:** Gina DelRose stated that there are no new updates at this time.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that she has talked to several downtown businesses regarding potential projects but so far no one has submitted a grant application.

10 Year Plan: Ms. DelRose stated that she does not recommend conducting any more surveys until the previously approved reimbursement from the State of Illinois is received.

Expenditures: No updates.

Friends of Preservation: No updates.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Images of American Belvidere and Boone County**

Royalties: Gina DelRose presented the quarterly report from Arcadia Publishing.

Book Sales: None.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Newsletter-** Gina DelRose stated that she would publish a newsletter closer to the awards program in October.

Dan Snow suggested the possibility of selling advertisement space in the newsletter to help raise funds.

**US Route 20-** Gina DelRose stated that there was a Facebook live video last week and an upcoming grassroots campaign involving traveling the entire US Route 20 by electronic scooter.

**Donation Acceptance-** Gina DelRose provided an update regarding the ability to accept and deposit donation.

It was decided that Lisa Kummerow will temporarily act as a co-signer on the account until matters can be discussed with the new administration.

**Staff Report:** Gina DelRose stated that Brechon Dental will be undergoing a significant façade improvement, the gas station next to Speedway has broken ground and that several new developments have been discussed.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: May 25, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Gina DelRose  
Community Development Planner