

**CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
February 27, 2018
5:30 pm
Boone County Museum of History
314 South State Street**

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

David Kummerow, Chair
Lisa Irvine Kummerow, Vice Chair
Anna Pivoras
Filitsa Platopoulos
Alexandra Omiotek

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent

Kris Bryan
Becky Tobin

With a quorum present, Chair David Kummerow called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Platopoulos) to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2018 Awards Program: Gina DelRose stated that there was a list of nominations in the packet. Ms. DelRose stated that it does not appear that some of the nominated projects will be done in time for the 2018 awards. Ms. DelRose stated that there were two houses that repainted the architectural details and improved their landscaping. However, during the renovations, both houses resided with vinyl siding instead of painting the wood siding.

Filitsa Platopoulos stated that she does not want to set a precedent by awarding vinyl siding. The Commission is awarding historic preservation efforts which would be repainting and repairing the original wood siding, not replacing with vinyl siding.

The Commission agreed.

Anna Pivoras stated that the awards program could highlight the maintenance grant winners.

David Kummerow stated that before and after pictures could be displayed.

Promotional /Fund Raising Events:

Mystery Dinner- Gina DelRose stated that there was a breakdown of the budget in the packet. Ms. DelRose stated that enough funds were raised to provide two landmark maintenance grants.

Gina DelRose stated that she has received many positive comments about the event and people asking about next year's theme.

Anna Pivoras stated that Drew Pivoras is working on next year's theme.

Stained Glass Window Tour:- Gina DelRose stated that there was a list of churches with comments about their history and windows in the packet. Out of the 17 local churches, 5 have large stained glass windows and 1 has a presentation about its history in their lobby.

Anna Pivoras stated that the Boone County Museum of History has a stained glass window on display and would be happy to host the program's lunch.

Gina DelRose questioned what the price should be. Ms. DelRose suggested \$25.00 since lunch would be included.

David Kummerow stated that the window tour should be held in early June.

Anna Pivoras stated that Gary Blatchford could host a stained glass window presentation at the museum.

Leath Warehouse Update: No updates.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that one application has been received. The deadline for applications is March 31st. Ms. DelRose stated she would provide the Commission all applications to be voted at the next meeting.

10 Year Plan: Gina DelRose stated that the plan was submitted to the State of Illinois and reimbursement was requested. Ms. DelRose stated that since the plan was completed after the grant's deadline, the state has not approved the full reimbursement. Ms. DelRose stated that she has been in contact with the state to address the matter.

Expenditures: The only expenditures were for the mystery dinner.

Friends of Preservation: David Kummerow stated that the awards program in May would be an appropriate time to ask attendees how the Commission could alter the Friends of Preservation meetings to improve the attendance.

Filitsa Platopoulos left the meeting at 6:05pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of American Belvidere and Boone County

Royalties: No updates.

Book Sales: No updates.

DISCUSSION:

Newsletter- No updates.

Lisa Kummerow stated that David Kummerow and she have been discussing new fundraisers. Ms. Kummerow stated that the Commission could house a "Legends Evening" and have a Charlie Chaplin, Johnny Cash or Frank Sinatra impersonator.

David Kummerow stated that the performer would be catered to potential attendees' preferences.

Lisa Kummerow stated that the Commission could contact local drama departments and organizations to see if they want to participate.

Anna Pivoras stated that there could be a silent auction during the event.

David Kummerow stated that there could be dancers and performers to go along with the music.

David Kummerow stated that they also discussed a "Night at the Museum" where there would be a cocktail hour and attendees could explore the museum.

Gina DelRose stated that as a child she spent the night at the Discovery Museum in Rockford and it was very memorable.

Anna Pivoras stated that instead of a sleepover for children, the Museum could host a movie night.

Gina DelRose stated that the Commission could host a scavenger hunt in the Museum.

David Kummerow stated that the Commission could host a ghost tour in Belvidere.

David Kummerow requested that fundraising ideas be placed on next month's agenda.

Anna Pivoras stated that Jillian Fuller and she had previously began working on a haunted tour of the Belvidere Cemetery.

COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:

Staff Report: Gina DelRose gave a status update of projects within the City of Belvidere.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Marcg 27, 2018

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

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Gina DelRose
Community Development Planner