

**CITY OF BELVIDERE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
A G E N D A  
Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
City Council Chambers  
401 Whitney Boulevard  
5:30 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members:**

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

**Staff:**

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

**Ex-Officio:**

Mike Chamberlain, Mayor

**MINUTES: Approve Minutes—November 22, 2016**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Work Plan**

2017 Awards Program: property nominations  
Promotional/Fund Raising Events: spring house tour (list of addresses), mystery dinner  
Phase II Survey: no updates  
Leath Warehouse Update: no updates  
Maintenance Small Grant: notification letters mailed  
10 Year Plan: contact approved and signed  
Expenditures: no updates  
Neighbor's Night: February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Images of America Belvidere and Boone County**

Royalties- no updates  
Book Sales- 6 books sold

**DISCUSSION:**

**Underground Railroad in Boone County  
Prohibition Era  
Newsletter**

**COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:**

**Staff Report:**

**Next Meeting Date: February 28, 2017**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF BELVIDERE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
November 22, 2016  
5:30 pm  
City Council Chambers**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Becky Tobin, Chair  
Kris Bryan, Vice Chair  
David Kummerow  
Anna Gill Pivoras  
Sandie Omiotek

**Staff Present:**

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

**Members Absent**

Filitsa Platopoulos  
Lisa Irvine Kummerow

With a quorum present, Chair Becky Tobin called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

**MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded (Bryan/Kummerow) to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2016 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Work Plan**

**2017 Awards Program:** There were no new nominations. The commission gave a brief recap of the awards program from previous years.

**Promotional /Fund Raising Events:** Becky Tobin stated that the commission should start working on the spring tour dates, list of participants, etc.

David Kummerow questioned what houses would be participating.

Kris Bryan questioned if the tour was only houses, gardens or both.

Gina DelRose stated that hosting a mystery dinner could be a fundraiser.

David Kummerow asked if the dinner would be at the Boone County Historical Museum or the Wings and Wheels Museum.

Becky Tobin stated that the house tour could be in the spring and the mystery dinner in the fall.

Anna Pivoras suggested having the dinner at the old Post Office.

David Kummerow questioned if the dinner could be held in the spring.

Kris Bryan agreed and stated that the tour could be in the summer.

Becky Tobin stated that the awards program is in May.

Anna Pivoras stated that she would prefer to have an interactive murder mystery dinner.

Gina DelRose stated the commission could host a paint and wine party.

Becky Tobin questioned who is participating in Hometown Christmas at the museum.

Gina DelRose stated that Filitsa Platopoulos intends to participate.

Becky Tobin stated that she would be there for the first part of the night.

David Kummerow stated that he would be there.

Anna Pivoras stated that she will be hosting museum activities.

Gina DelRose stated that she will be serving hot chocolate at the fire station.

Sandie Omiotek stated that she will participate.

Anny Pivoras requested that books be made available for purchase.

Gina DelRose stated that she will provide books and handouts.

Phase II Survey: Gina DelRose stated that she contacted Heritage Works about presenting to the City Council and they have yet to respond.

Leath Warehouse Update: There are no updates at this time.

Maintenance Small Grant: There are no updates at this time.

10 Year Plan: Gina DelRose stated that the Lakota Group was the only response received. Their work appears to be very hands on. Ms. DelRose stated that she called Rock Island for a reference check and they had very high praises for the company.

It was moved and seconded (Kummerow/Bryan) to award the 10-Year Plan contract in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to the Lakota Group. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditures: There are no updates at this time.

Neighbor's Night: David Kummerow stated that the meetings are definitely growing. Mr. Kummerow asked what the meeting is to the commission; is it an offshoot of the commission? Mr. Kummerow stated that the commission is responsible for the event and Anna Pivoras is very involved. Mr. Kummerow stated that he would like to expand the invitation list to museum members and members of the Parks and Conservation Foundation.

David Kummerow stated that part of the meeting's agenda should be an update on Belvidere's happenings. Mr. Kummerow stated that restoration presenters should be contacted but ultimately it appears the people want to talk and exchange stories and ideas.

David Kummerow stated that fundraising is an issue because there is no audience to target. Mr. Kummerow stated that the commission is building an audience through the meetings. Mr. Kummerow stated that the meetings have brought in the support of prominent residents.

David Kummerow questioned if the meetings should be held every other month. In the interim months should residents open their homes to show projects? Mr. Kummerow stated that everyone likes ghost stories and there should be a meeting focused around that. Mr. Kummerow questioned whether refreshments should be offered.

Anna Pivoras stated that every other month is good. The museum schedule can be overwhelming because so many activities are taking place.

Anna Pivoras stated that there is an Illinois Speaks grant which begins as a \$250.00 micro grant that anyone can apply for. The grant is for fostering public discussion groups in communities. Those groups that are awarded the micro grant are eligible to apply for a \$1,000.00 grant to fund speakers, refreshments. Ms. Pivoras stated that grants must be applied for 60-90 days prior to an event. Ms. Pivoras stated that she would be happy to apply on behalf of the commission.

The commission agreed that Anna Pivoras should apply for the micro grant.

David Kummerow stated that the commission has a successful track record already.

Becky Tobin questioned if the meetings should be held on different nights.

David Kummerow stated that any night will work; the commission just needs a focused group of participants. Mr. Kummerow stated that fundraisers can be mentioned at the meetings.

Anna Pivoras questioned if there was a waiver for alcohol and whether the commission has one.

David Kummerow stated the Sheri Casey can cater the event.

Becky Tobin stated that the City will not pay for alcohol but a cash bar may work.

Anna Pivoras stated that she believes calling the meeting "Neighbors Night" limits those that feel they can participate.

Kris Bryan stated that it could be called "History Night".

David Kummerow stated that the name has to have direction towards preservation. He suggested calling the meeting "Friends of Preservation".

Becky Tobin suggested "Preservation Club".

Kris Bryan suggested "History Club".

David Kummerow stated that those who attend always have questions about preserving their homes; proper ways to fix plaster, trim, etc. Mr. Kummerow suggested calling the meeting "Belvidere Preservation Group".

Becky Tobin stated that she does not want to limit participants to only Belvidere. Ms. Tobin suggested using "Boone County" instead of "Belvidere".

Kris Bryan suggested "Boone County Preservation Connection".

Becky Tobin suggested "Preservation Network".

David Kummerow stated that the suggestions were all good and requested that Gina DelRose place them in the next newsletter and let the residents decide the name.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Images of American Belvidere and Boone County**

Royalties: No updates

Book Sales: No updates

**DISCUSSION:**

**Underground Railroad in Boone County-** No updates

**Prohibition Era-** No updates

**Property Maintenance Assistance Program-** No updates

**COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:**

**Staff Report:** Gina DelRose stated that she was contacted by the Boone County Journal regarding Sandie Omiotek's appointment. Ms. DelRose believed they interviewed Ms. Omiotek as well.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Becky Tobin questioned if the December meeting should be cancelled because of its proximity to Christmas. Ms. Tobin stated that the December meeting is usually cancelled.

David Kummerow stated that people can communicate via e-mail.

Gina DelRose stated that she is in contact with the State of Illinois regarding their presentation which may be held in January.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Recorded by

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Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

## A. 804 NORTH STATE STREET

WILLIAM HERBERT HOME  
CONSTRUCTED IN 1897 FOR  
WILLIAM & ALICE HERBERT,

THE TWELVE ROOM QUEEN-  
ANNE HOME FEATURES A  
TWO-STORY TOWER WITH A  
CONICAL ROOF. THE INTER-  
IOR FEATURES OAK WOOD-  
WORK, POCKET DOORS AND  
ORNATELY DECORATED FIRE-  
PLACES.



Hosted by Cynthia and Clayton Baznik

WILLIAM DIED IN THE HOME  
FROM A HEART ATTACK ON  
DECEMBER 23, 1925, SEVEN  
HOURS AFTER SISTER, CAR-  
RIE HAD DIED IN HIS HOME  
FROM COMPLICATIONS  
FROM A HIP FRACTURE.

## C. 405 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE

BENJAMIN HERBERT HOME  
1895; by BRADLEY AND SON

THE HERBERT HOME IS  
LOCATED ON THE KISHWAUKEE  
RIVER ALONG WITH A CAR-  
RIAGE HOUSE AND THE SER-  
VANT'S QUARTER (NOW A GA-  
RAGE). THIS QUEEN-ANNE  
STYLE HOME, WITH A HIPPED-  
ROOF AND LOWER CROSS GAR-  
BLES FEATURES A PALLADIAN  
WINDOW IN THE LARGER  
FRONT GABLE. THE WRAP-  
AROUND PORCH HAS PEDI-  
MENTS OVER THE FRONT AND  
SIDE ENTRIES.



Hosted by Debra and John Cygan

THE WOODWORK THROUGH-  
OUT THE HOME IS NATURAL  
OAK, CYPRESS AND SYCAMORE.  
THE ORNATELY CARVED FIRE-  
PLACE MANTLE, FEATURING  
TWO SIDE COLUMNS IS MADE  
OF CURLY MAPLE.

## D. 410 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE

LAMPERT WILDFLOWER  
HOUSE 1837



Hosted by Sheryle and Gary Simon

THE FIRST GREEK REVIVAL  
TWO-STORY WING WAS BUILT  
IN 1837. THE SECOND WING, A  
CARPENTER GOTHIC STRUC-  
TURE, WAS BUILT IN THE 1860s.  
IN THE 1890s, THE LAMPERTS  
ADDED ABOUT EIGHT FEET  
ALONG THE SOUTHWEST END  
OF THE HOUSE.

GREEK REVIVAL FEATURES ON  
THE FRONT-GABLED HOUSE  
INCLUDE THE ENTRY PORCH,  
SUPPORTED BY PROMINENT  
SQUARE COLUMNS WITH INSET  
PANELS AND THE LOW-  
PITCHED ROOF WITH CORNICE  
RETURNS.

## B. 306 WEST HURLBUT AVENUE



Hosted by Christina and David Conrad

TERWILLINGER HOUSE

THE HOME WAS CON-  
STRUCTED CIRCA 1856 FOR  
SIMMOND TERWILLIGER.

FOR THE FIRST 75 YEARS, THE  
HOUSE FACED OGDEN  
STREET; IT WAS THEN RELO-  
CATED TO ITS PRESENT POSI-  
TION FACING WEST HURLBUT  
STREET.

SIMMOND'S FATHER, GREENE  
TERWILLIGER'S WISHART'S  
PINE TAR CORDIAL BOTTLES  
WERE FOUND AT THE FOR-  
MER OUTHOUSE LOCATION  
AT THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE.

## E. 323 SOUTH STATE STREET



Hosted by Debbie and Jeff Carlson

COUNTRYMAN LUMBER  
COMPANY

O. H. WRIGHT AND HIS SON  
OMAR OPENED A LUMBER AND  
FUEL BUSINESS IN THE BUILD-  
ING IN 1889. CHARLES COUN-  
TRYMAN JOINED THE COM-  
PANY IN 1924. HIS SON ROY  
PURCHASED THE COMPANY IN  
1958. THE BUILDING HAS ALSO  
HOUSED THE BRERETON  
AGENCY. THE BUILDING IS  
CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY PRU-  
DENTIAL CROSBY STARCK  
REALTORS.

### 127 West Locust Street

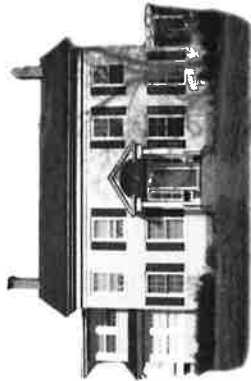
Hosted By: David Kummeron



The home is known by many local residents as the Swift House. Dr. Arthur Wesley Swift purchased the land in 1889 and the Queen Anne Victorian style home was completed in 1899 with a steeply pitched, irregular shaped roof. Red French tile covers the tower. Free classic columns occupy space on the porch—a common feature for Queen Anne homes. The interior has extensive lattice work, pocket doors and a built-in library.

### 315 West Huribut Avenue

Hosted By: Ken and Ellen Meddings



The brick, two-story, Greek Revival house built in 1852 is in the hall-and-parlor style. A slight eave overhang tops a wide band of trim under the roofline. The east side of the house features a triangular fanlight at the top of the gable. The front porch, with its curved underside roof was added about 1920. The front door is framed with side and transom lights.

### 303 East Lincoln Avenue

Hosted By: Ed Marx



The Foote House, built in 1913 as a private home for the family of Belvidere pharmacist John C. Foote was constructed as a Prairie-Style home with post-1900 Colonial Revival details. The 20-room home features a central-hall plan and has double pocket doors, stained-glass panels, oak paneling and bay windows.

### 410 South State Street

Hosted By: Ed Marx



The Marske Furniture Building was built circa 1852. By 1920, the building housed a diamond store owned by businessman L.R. Byram. The original building was consistent with most buildings of the city and was adorned with zinc and tin ornamental facade trim. A third story was later added with the ornate crown molding. The original façade on the rear of the building was built with limestone and brick. Ed Marx purchased the building in 2003 and restored it to its present condition.

### 520 Pearl Street

Hosted By: Pearl Place



The Belvidere School Complex represented Belvidere's growing population over the past century. The complex is comprised of three distinct buildings: the 1893 Washington school or annex; the 1900 powerhouse; and the 1916 Belvidere High School. It served the students of Belvidere until 1989 when the school was closed. In 1998, 520 Pearl Place was rehabbed for use as senior housing. The facades of all three buildings retain their historical appearance while providing modern residential amenities. The Belvidere School Complex was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

### 107 West Lincoln Avenue

Hosted By: Masonic Lodge 60



The newly completed First National Bank building was opened on January 27, 1912 where the tiled lobby was flanked with grey Italian marble trimmed with dark green Georgian marble. The temple second and third floors were dedicated on April 11, 1912 with the second floor utilized as the banquet hall and the third floor used as temple lodge rooms. In 1976 the lodge purchased the first floor of the building. In the 1990s the building received a donation of an elevator.

### 1121 North Main Street

Hosted By: Belvidere Cemetery



The Pettit Chapel was built in 1906 by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright as a memorial to a very great humanitarian and physical Dr. William H. Pettit. Pettit had the largest practice in northern Iowa and most of Illinois until his sudden death in 1892. The building is one of a kind as the only memorial or cemetery structure Frank Lloyd Wright built. It embodies the very essence of his prairie ideal: the hip roof with overhanging eaves; the abstract geometric art glass windows; the elevation of the functional floor; and the plastic expression of the stucco exterior with wood trim. The Pettit Chapel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.