

**CITY OF BELVIDERE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
December 18, 2018  
5:30 pm  
127 West Locust Street**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

David Kummerow, Chair  
Lisa Kummerow, Vice Chair  
Anna Pivoras  
Becky Tobin  
Alexandra Omiotek

**Staff Present:**

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

**Members Absent:**

Kris Bryan  
Filitsa Platopoulos

With a quorum present, Chair David Kummerow called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

**MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Tobin) to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ryszard Omiotek congratulated the Commission on a successful Hometown Christmas fundraiser and hopes for more involvement in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Work Plan**

**2019 Awards Program:** Gina DelRose stated that the awards program will be at the museum.

Becky Tobin recommended that it be held on the second Thursday of May (May 9, 2019).

Gina DelRose said that Mr. Reyes is in the process of installing new windows that are much more appropriate for the building than the current windows.

Gina DelRose requested that the Commission consider to whom they would like to give the Priem Award, Continued Excellence and Organizational awards.

Anna Pivoras recommended Sam Larson from the Belvidere Cemetery Association for the Priem award.

Becky Tobin recommended several residences for the continued excellence award.

Anna Pivoras recommended Ollman Ernest Martin Architects for an award and the Funderburg residence on North State Street for an award.

Gina DelRose stated that she will compile a list of all the recommended award recipients for the next meeting.

Promotional/Fundraising Events: Gina DelRose stated that the murder mystery tickets have arrived and are on sale at Belvidere City Hall.

Anna Pivoras stated that tickets can also be on sale at the Boone County Museum of History.

Anna Pivoras stated that Drew Pivoras is still working on the game and that there will be 10 main characters. Not everyone will have a part.

Lisa Kummerow stated that she wants the Commission to do a flash mob of the hand jive.

Gina DelRose stated that the Commission received a \$1,000.00 donation for the grant fund. Ms. DelRose stated that Becky Tobin suggested the donors be named sponsors for the murder mystery since the proceeds go to the grant fund.

The Commission agreed to make the donors a sponsor and directed Gina DelRose to offer them two free tickets.

Gina DelRose stated that she spoke with Sheri Casey and the suggested menu will work. Ms. DelRose stated that she is still waiting for an estimate.

Gina DelRose stated that she will start looking for decorations. The school colors will be blue and gold.

Lisa Kummerow stated that the school mascot will be an opossum because they play dead.

Anna Pivoras suggested Gina DelRose come to the Museum to see what decorations are already available.

Leath Warehouse Update: Becky Tobin stated that she met with a potential developer but they are still trying to secure financing.

Becky Tobin stated that she met with Gary Anderson and his team. They may be sending out a new RFP due to the newly available state historic tax credits. Ms. Tobin stated that Gary Anderson is considering obtaining a zoning letter from the state regarding the likelihood of a historic district being approved, making the property eligible for the tax credits.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that she will send the letters out as soon as she gets the mailing list finalized.

Becky Tobin reminded the Commission that grants have been increased from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00.

10 Year Plan: No updates.

Expenditures: Gina DelRose stated that the musical entertainment for Hometown Christmas cost \$80.00.

Friends of Preservation: No updates.

Hometown Christmas- Gina DelRose stated that the Swift House tours raised \$305.00. Ms. DelRose thanked everyone for their help during the event.

David Kummerow stated that the Commission needs to publicize their grants and fundraising efforts more widely.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Images of American Belvidere and Boone County**

Royalties: No updates.

Book Sales: Gina DelRose stated that two books have sold in December.

**DISCUSSION:**

Newsletter- None.

Community Building- Gina DelRose stated that the only available Friday/Saturday combination at the Community Building for 2019 is in October. Gina DelRose stated that rental of the Community Building is \$275 a night and a \$100 deposit is required.

Becky Tobin requested that Gina DelRose find out if there is a Friday/Saturday combo available in January or February 2020.

David Kummerow stated that he would like to do a fundraiser where people meet at the Museum to hear about local ghosts and ghost hunting and then walk to the Swift House which is allegedly haunted.

Gina DelRose stated that the Ida Public Library is currently considering doing a similar fundraiser.

Becky Tobin stated that people could visit the Dunton Home too.

Gina DelRose stated that there are rumors that the old post office is haunted as well.

Anna Pivoras stated that like most museums, the Boone County Museum of History has a lot of artifacts that people believe have spirits attached to them.

Becky Tobin stated that the fundraiser could take place the first or second weekend of October.

Gina DelRose stated that there could be appetizers and drinks available at each house. A full dinner would not be needed.

Anna Pivoras stated that she would contact Kathi Kresol about participating in the event.

**Grease (film)**- The Commission watched portions of the movie and discussed doing the “hand jive”.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:**

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

Gina DelRose stated that she is gathering information about landmark signage for the next meeting.

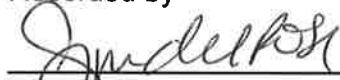
**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at Belvidere City Hall.

Gina DelRose questioned if the Commission wanted to meet sooner or handle murder mystery issues via email.

The Commission decided to meet at the regularly scheduled meeting date of January 22, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Recorded by



---

Gina DelRose  
Community Development Planner