

**CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
January 24, 2017
5:30 pm
City Council Chambers**

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Becky Tobin, Chair
David Kummerow
Anna Pivoras
Filitsa Platopoulos
Lisa Irvine Kummerow

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent

Kris Bryan, Vice Chair
Sandy Omiotek

With a quorum present, Chair Becky Tobin called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (Irvine Kummerow/Pivoras) to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2016 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2017 Awards Program: Becky Tobin stated that the list of award recipients needs to be decided soon.

Gina DelRose stated that the properties previously discussed were the house on Pearl Street, the house on State Street and one downtown business.

Lisa Irvine Kummerow questioned if Niko's Cabin would qualify for an award.

Gina DelRose stated that there were major renovations done to the inside of the building.

Lisa Irvine Kummerow questioned if the businesses B Unique and Priceless Junk were in historic buildings.

Becky Tobin stated that the awards usually focus on the exterior of buildings and not businesses.

Anna Pivoras stated that the Style House Furniture building has had a lot of work done inside; the building used to house an undertaker.

Lisa Irvine Kummerow suggested the Belvidere Funeral Home and noted that it was designed by the same architect as her house (the Swift House).

Filitsa Platopoulos stated that the house on State Street was renovated with modern materials (vinyl siding).

Lisa Irvine Kummerow suggested the old hospital which is now a residence.

Gina DelRose questioned who would be given the Priem Award.

Lisa Irvine Kummerow suggested Jack Wolf.

Becky Tobin stated that Bill Wolf was given an award for his house.

Anna Pivoras suggested the Boone County Conservation District (Dan Kane) be awarded.

Anna Pivoras stated that the Presbyterian Church was remodeled.

Anna Pivoras suggested the Culvey house on North State Street.

Promotional /Fund Raising Events: Lisa Irvine Kummerow and Becky Tobin suggested having another progressive dinner.

Becky Tobin stated that a list of potential houses participating would need to be established.

Filitsa Platopoulos stated that the last progressive dinner was a lot of fun and very successful.

Gina DelRose stated that there is a landowner on Lincoln Avenue who wants to be more active with the commission; maybe she would open her home.

Filitsa Platopoulos suggested the Dunton house.

Becky Tobin suggested the Neil-Boss house and the Ahrens house.

Anna Pivoras suggested the Foote house.

Becky Tobin Stated that last year the Progressive Dinner was done during Heritage Days. This year it will have to be held a different week.

Gina DelRose suggested holding the mystery dinner in the fall.

David Kummerow suggested having the dinner at the Historical Museum.

Becky Tobin stated it could be at the Baltic Mill if it's not too cold.

Anna Pivoras stated it could be at the old Post Office Building.

Phase II Survey: No Updates.

Leath Warehouse Update: Becky Tobin stated that she has a meeting with Gary Anderson scheduled in early February.

Becky Tobin stated that she is working with the Library to schedule a time to walk through the Yount house since the keys did not work last time.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that a downtown business owner had contacted her with interest in applying for the grant.

10 Year Plan: Gina DelRose stated that the City Council has approved the contract and both parties have signed it. Ms. DelRose and Becky Tobin will have a meeting with the consultants in early February.

Expenditures: There are no updates at this time.

Neighbor's Night: David Kummerow requested that Mr. Ahrens be extended a personal invitation.

Gina DelRose stated that she believes there will be 30 people at the event. Ms. DelRose requested that everyone be there by 6:30pm.

Anna Pivoras stated that plastic table cloths will be needed.

Gina DelRose stated that centerpieces from previous award nights can be used.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of American Belvidere and Boone County

Royalties: No updates

Book Sales: Becky Tobin stated that two books were sold at Hometown Christmas and six books were sold at City Hall.

DISCUSSION:

Underground Railroad in Boone County- No updates

Prohibition Era- No updates

Newsletter- Becky Tobin stated that the newsletter can be posted on the city's website and can be emailed to people.

COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:

Staff Report: Gina DelRose stated that she was contacted by a resident wanting to become more active in historic preservation.

David Kummerow stated that construction in Belvidere is going well.

Gina DelRose stated that there are a lot of projects going on.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 28, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Recorded by



Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner