

**CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
May 22, 2018
5:30 pm
City Council Chambers
401 Whitney Boulevard**

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent

Filitsa Platopoulos

With a quorum present, Chair David Kummerow called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (Pivoras/L. Kummerow) to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2018 Awards Program: Gina DelRose stated that she thought the Community Building was a great location and it was nice to be able to project the program onto a screen. Ms. DelRose also stated that she felt Mr. Bates story about the porch renovation was very interesting.

Lisa Kummerow stated that she enjoyed talking to Brian Blodgett (contractor) about the porch renovation as well.

Anna Pivoras stated that she enjoyed having the before and after pictures in the program.

David Kummerow stated that he talked to several people at the awards night that were impressed with how active the Commission has been. Mr. Kummerow stated that the night was eye-opening for some.

David Kummerow stated that the Commission should look into hiring a photographer at future events.

Becky Tobin stated that the Commission can use its Facebook page to request pictures. Ms. Tobin stated that a commission member will need to be designated as the photograph taker at future events.

David Kummerow stated that he believes it would be beneficial if Commissioners had name tags.

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The Commission agreed that name tags should be ordered and directed Gina DelRose to research the matter.

Gina DelRose reminded the Commission to keep an eye out for 2019 award winners. Ms. DelRose discussed several renovations that are currently underway.

Promotional /Fundraising Events:

Stained Glass Window Tour- Gina DelRose stated that the event has been postponed to the fall and she notified the six churches.

Interactive Murder Mystery- Anna Pivoras stated that Drew Pivoras would like to do a ship wreck themed plot instead of a wild wild west theme.

The Commission was agreeable to the plot change.

Anna Pivoras questioned when the event would take place.

Gina DelRose stated that the last interactive murder mystery was in January which worked well because people are looking for things to do in the winter.

Progressive Dinner- Becky Tobin stated that she would like to do another Progressive Dinner in the fall, around September. Ms. Tobin stated that there is a particular house she would like to have open during the event.

David Kummerow suggested having cocktail hour at the former Post Office building.

Leath Warehouse Update: Becky Tobin stated that there is still interest in redeveloping the Leath Warehouse. The potential developers are still finalizing plans and finances.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that steps have been repaired at 311 West Hurlbut and the applicant has submitted paperwork for the \$750 reimbursement.

It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Tobin) to approve the requested \$750 reimbursement. The motion carried unanimously.

10 Year Plan: Gina DelRose stated that she submitted paperwork for reimbursement of the CLG grant. The grant will reimburse the city 82.454% rather than the anticipated 70%.

Becky Tobin requested that the 10 Year Plan be brought to the next meeting to discuss what actions the Commission wants to take first.

Expenditures: Gina DelRose reviewed the list of expenses from the 2019 Awards Program.

Friends of Preservation: Gina DelRose stated that the Belvidere Daily Republican mentioned Friends of Preservation in their article and provided contact information. Ms. DelRose is waiting to see if anyone reaches out to her.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of American Belvidere and Boone County

Royalties: Gina DelRose stated that the Commission received \$102.07 in royalties.

Book Sales: Gina DelRose stated that the Commission sold one book at the 2018 Awards Program.

Terms/Appointments: Gina DelRose stated that Filitsa Platopoulos, Kris Bryan and Becky Tobin's terms are expiring. Gina DelRose stated that Filitsa Platopoulos has requested to be reappointed.

Kris Bryan and Becky Tobin stated they would submit letters as well.

Elections: Gina DelRose stated that the Chair and Vice-Chair terms are one year periods and a Commissioner cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. Ms. DelRose noted that David Kummerow and Lisa Kummerow have only served one term.

It was moved and seconded (Tobin\Bryan) to elected David Kummerow as Chair and Lisa Kummerow as Vice-Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Newsletter- Gina DelRose stated that she will make a new newsletter when the Friends of Preservation meet again.

Becky Tobin stated that the newsletter could be done by an intern and it could discuss the landmarking of a property.

Becky Tobin left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:

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

Anna Pivoras stated that she talked to the Ida Public Library and they will be organizing an interpretive cemetery tour and was wondering if the Commission would like to participate.

Lisa Kummerow questioned who the actors would be.

Anna Pivoras stated that staff and volunteers would be actors. Anna Pivoras questioned if David Kummerow would like to play Dr. Swift and if Sandie Omiotek would like to play Nellie Dunton since they live in the respective homes.

Kris Bryan stated that he liked the idea of a cemetery tour and assisting in the event.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 26, 2018

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Recorded by



Gina DelRose

Community Development Planner