

**CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
September 27, 2017
5:30 pm
Belvidere City Hall
401 Whitney Boulevard**

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

David Kummerow, Chair
Kris Bryan
Anna Pivoras
Filitsa Platopoulos
Alexandra Omiotek

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent

Lisa Irvine Kummerow, Vice Chair
Becky Tobin

With a quorum present, Chair David Kummerow called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (Platopoulos/Bryan) to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2017 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2018 Awards Program: Kris Bryan stated that an older residence on Logan Avenue that had a dilapidated porch is replacing it. Mr. Bryan said the project should be monitored for an award.

Kris Bryan stated that the building at 319 South State Street should receive an award for painting and window repair.

Anna Pivoras stated that the residence across from Aldi's is being repainted and should be monitored for an award.

David Kummerow questioned where the awards should be held.

Gina DelRose stated that the awards could be held at the Community Building.

Anna Pivoras stated that the Community Building should receive the Continued Excellence award for their renovations and additions.

David Kummerow stated that the Boone County Arts Council should receive the Organization award.

Promotional /Fund Raising Events: Gina DelRose stated that the Progressive Dinner raised \$1,801.95 which is enough to provide two landmark maintenance grants in 2018.

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Kris Bryan stated that the Commission could host a church/stained glass window tour in the spring instead of a house tour. Mr. Bryan stated that a luncheon to kick off the tour could be held at one of the churches.

Gina DelRose questioned if the murder mystery fundraiser could be organized by January so that tickets could be sold as gifts.

Anna Pivoras stated that she believed it could be finished by then.

David Kummerow stated that the entrance to the Boone County Museum of History could be decorated to look like a speak easy entrance.

Leath Warehouse Update: Gina DelRose stated that a study regarding flood insurance and the floodplain on the property is being considered.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that the grants awarded in 2017 were to be completed in 180 days. Ms. DelRose stated that she sent both recipients letters asking for a status update.

10 Year Plan: Gina DelRose stated that Becky Tobin, Ben Rohr and she met with the Lakota Group to go over comments regarding the first draft of the State of the City portion of the plan. Gina DelRose highlighted parts of the text.

Expenditures: Gina DelRose provided a spreadsheet of the Progressive Dinner budget and noted which items were paid from the Commission's bank account (where sponsorships and ticket sales were deposited) and what items were paid from the general fund.

Friends of Preservation: David Kummerow suggested the next event be held at a residence or Wooden It Be Nice's auction house.

Gina DelRose questioned what date would work best for everyone.

Gina DelRose stated that the next event would be Thursday, October 26, 2017 and the theme would be repairing and restoring woodwork presented by Kris Bryan.

David Kummerow stated that lighting would be a good theme as well.

Anna Pivoras stated that she believes the October event is a good direction for the Commission to follow. Ms. Pivoras stated that she liked having the events in more of a workshop/seminar style.

David Kummerow stated that people should "come with your problem".

Kris stated that he has 30 years of experience and would be happy to help.

Gina DelRose confirmed that light refreshments should be provided.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of American Belvidere and Boone County

Royalties: No updates

Book Sales: No updates

DISCUSSION:

Underground Railroad in Boone County- Gina DelRose stated that she hopes to be able to research whether or not the Slater family that is connected to the Underground Railroad is the same family connected to the Alexander House.

Prohibition Era- No updates

Newsletter- Gina DelRose stated that she would begin working on the newsletter for the October event. Ms. DelRose requested that Anna Pivoras send her a "If These Walls Could Talk" article and if Kris Bryan could send her information about his restoration business.

COMMUNICATIONS/PLANNING REPORTS:

Staff Report: Gina DelRose stated that a downtown business owner is organizing paranormal investigations during the month of October.

David Kummerow offered to participate in the investigations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appropriateness- 228 West Hurlbut Avenue- Gina DelRose provided a brief overview of the work being done to the residence. Ms. DelRose stated the homeowners are replacing the roof, siding and windows on the residence as well as repainting the trim and tuckpointing the porch.

Gina DelRose provided pictures to the Commissioners. The applicant was not present.

Anna Pivoras questioned how many windows were being replaced and with what kind of window.

Filitsa Platopoulos confirmed the windows would be the same size and style.

Kris Bryan stated that he supports anyone wanting to improve their property.

It moved and seconded (Bryan/Pivoras) to approve the certificate of appropriateness for the renovations being made to 128 West Hurlbut Street.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 24, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Recorded by



Gina DelRose
Community Development Planner