

LISBON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

March 18, 2021

The meeting was held by Zoom and called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chair, Rebecca Hess. Present: Marc Mohn and Marianne Zahorik. Guest: John Bardsley, Council Liaison. Absent: Amelia Kibbie and Ann Opatz.

Moved by Zahorik, seconded by Mohn, to approve the agenda. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3-0.

Moved by Hess, seconded by Zahorik, to approve the minutes of the February 18 meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3-0.

Updates:

Meyers Farmstead Historic District: Hess reported that the District has been listed on the National Register effective February 22, 2021. The city and LHPC were notified via email from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, dated March 8, 2021. Repair work on the barns continues to be on hold. The city's insurance company will send an engineer to assess the status of the buildings.

Linn County Historic Preservation Commission grants for the History Center and Library buildings: Hess and Opatz have met with City Administrator, Brandon Siggins. Siggins reports that requests for quotes along with preservation plans and SOI standards have been sent to contractors and 7-8 have shown interest. One contractor has met with Siggins and viewed the buildings. Quotes are due on March 24, 2021 and the grant requests are due April 1, 2021. Michelle Platt of Friends of the Lisbon Library has taken the lead on completing the Library's request. Opatz has been available to assist when needed.

Signage for Main Street Historic District: Discussion about the need to find examples and prices. Mohn agreed to research both.

Website Additions: Zahorik reported that the Meyers Farmstead Historic District nomination has been added. Slideshows for the Stuckslager House and Methodist Church have been added. Zahorik will work on adding slideshows for the Historic Districts as well and will continue to update the site as needed.

Comprehensive Planning Committee: Mohn is the LHPC representative. Mohn shared the minutes with LHPC. ECICOG scheduled the meeting on March 5 at 1:00, Mohn was unable to attend due to work. Next meeting is planned in the evening so that all members can attend. Hess requested that Historic Preservation be added to the plan or added under Economic Development.

Capturing Facebook comments: LHPC's Facebook page has been gaining numbers. Many comments are made and discussions are started. Feel the need to capture the history shared

on the site regarding specific buildings and add it to the information LHPC already has saved on Google Drive. Zahorik volunteered to do this unless this project has already been started by Opatz . Mohn added that with the growing numbers of members on the site he has noticed many requests from possible hackers/trolls. Mohn investigates requests before granting admission and has refused some.

National History Month celebration with Lisbon 3rd Grade students: Due to Covid, it was decided to hold a Zoom activity. Hess suggested sharing the virtual walking tour of Lisbon's Downtown Historic District that was put together by the Cedar Rapids History Center. This will give an opportunity to educate "What is the National Register?" and "What does it mean to be listed on the Natl. Register?"

State office request for suggested topics for CLG roundtable at Preserve Iowa Summit in June: Two ideas were given. 1. Resources on how to apply for grants 2. Repurpose old buildings for new uses Hess will send the ideas to Paula. The Summit will be virtual again this year.

Discussion, possible action on scheduling History 101 Mobile Museum for 2021: Mobile Museum will be active this year. Discussion involved the possibility of having the museum at Sauerkraut Days. (See next item below for more discussion.)

Discussion, possible action on scheduling Cedar Rapids History Center walking tour of Main Street Historic District: Discussion involved possibly doing the walking tour and the mobile museum together in the fall, possibly September. Due to the postponement of the celebration of the downtown Natl. Register designation, we feel it should be a scaled back celebration rather than doing as originally planned a year ago. One possibility, a mini celebration of the downtown Natl. Register designation in combination with LHPC 30th anniversary.

Discussion, possible action on entering a Field Service Agreement for a Site Visit of Meyers Farmstead Historic District with Douglas Steinmetz of Align Architecture and Planning: Steinmetz will be provided with the nomination and inventory form. Site visit must be completed by June 30. Moved by Hess, seconded by Zahorik to approve. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3-0.

Discuss holding a special meeting Thursday March 25, 2021 to discuss quotes received for History Center and Library buildings: Quotes are due on March 24 so they should be in hand on March 25. The meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Undecided if it will be zoom or in person.

Other Business:

1. Hess mentioned the grave site in the Mt Vernon cemetery of John Archer, the decorated Civil War Veteran. It does not have a metal GAR marker and it is in poor condition. Mohn mentioned Kevin Woods would know how to go about getting a marker placed. Mohn will contact Woods. Options for gravestone restoration may be explored as well.
2. While exploring the NPS website, Hess noticed Inventory Reports. Hess had completed them in the past but has not been notified of them for several years as she was not listed as a contact. The information was not forwarded to Hess' attention. Therefore,

LHPC has not completed Inventory Reports. Hess will contact Paula and make sure she is listed as a contact.

Next meeting: TBA The meeting adjourned at 6:01p.m.

Submitted: Marianne Zahorik, Vice Chair

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Rebecca Hess, Chair