**LISBON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 19, 2020**  
The meeting was held by Zoom and called to order at 4:31 p.m.by Chair Rebecca Hess. Present: Marianne Zahorik and Ann Opatz. Marc Mohn joined at 5:30. Guest: John Bardsley, Council Liaison.

Moved by Opatz, seconded by Zahorik, to approve the agenda. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3-0.  
  
Moved by Zahorik, seconded by Hess, to approve the minutes of the September 23 meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3-0.  
  
Discussion and Action on Tallgrass Archaeology Invoice: Moved by Opatz, seconded by Hess, to approve the final invoice from Tallgrass Archaeology LLC in the amount of $500 for completion of the Meyers Farmstead Historic District nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3-0.

Discussion and Action of History Center and Library Preservation Plans: Discussion centered on moving forward with the recommendations outlined in the Preservation Plans prepared by Douglas Steinmetz for the History Center and Library buildings. The Preservation Plans were received by the City in June, and it has recently come to light that the plans were not passed along to City Council members. Hess will visit with City Administrator Horne to request that discussion of the Preservation Plans with LHPC be included in an upcoming City Council meeting. The availability of grant funding to help cover costs was also discussed.

Update on Meeting with Council Liaison and City Administrator: Hess and Opatz met with Council Liaison Bardsley and City Administrator Horne in late October to discuss a bid the City received for tuckpointing the History Center. Hess and Opatz asked that the bid be put on hold until a larger discussion could take place regarding the preservation plans for both the History Center building and Library building. It was decided that LHPC would meet with City Council to review the preservation plans and determine the next steps for moving forward. Other topics discussed included signage, capital funding, tax credit workshop, and the Downtown Reinvestment Grant Program.

Update on Meyers Farmstead Historic District: Opatz reported that the nomination was approved by the State Nomination Review Committee, but that the nomination has not yet been forwarded to the National Park Service. Hess reported that the City would be repairing damage done by the derecho once the insurance check is received, and that the City would temporarily repair the roofs until that time. Hess will check with the City Administrator to be sure that the barns will be adequately protected until they can be repaired.

Downtown and Bypass Signage: Discussion continued regarding signage designating the downtown as an historic district, as well as tourism signs along the Highway 30 bypass and on Highway 1 north of town. It was decided that photos of the possible poles in the downtown area would be taken to help us determine what type of signs to install. Opatz will send commissioners information from the Iowa Department of Transportation relating to the tourism signs.

Discussion and Action on Zoom Subscription: Moved by Opatz, seconded by Zahorik, to subscribe to Zoom for a period of one year at a cost of $150.00. The motion passed on a voice vote of 4-0.  
  
Other Business: Hess announced that Preserve Iowa Summit would be held in Council Bluffs in 2021.  
  
Next meeting: To be determined

The meeting

adjourned at 6:10 p.m.  
  
Submitted: Ann Opatz, Secretary  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Rebecca Hess, Chair