



## LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

935 Second Street SW ▪ Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404 ▪ 319-892-5141

Minutes  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **Members Present**

Maura Pilcher  
Patricia Soukup  
Amanda Happel  
Connie Robinson  
Michael LeClere  
Dick Thomas  
Todd McNall  
Steve Ciha

### **Absent**

Nancy Goodlove

### **Staff Present**

Les Beck, Director  
Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison  
Cathy Coppess, Recording Secretary

### **Call to Order**

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. with a brief introduction from all the members in attendance.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Announcements/Communication**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

Patty motioned, Amanda second, all present voting aye to approve minutes from August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 meeting noting a correction in the FY20 Work Plan on the second page should read: "The plan to have the RFP out for bids by **October 1<sup>st</sup>**."

### **Budget**

Remaining account balance is \$9,545.00.



**New Business**

None

**FY20 Work Plan**

Robinson started the discussion on the wording of the Historic Preservation Grant. Need to know % of asked vs % of project. Pilcher stated that is needed so that small historical projects would have the same weight as bigger projects. Happel asked to move that information to the cover page.

Robinson asked that explanations of partial funding be more elaborately spelled out. Pilcher took and suggested several options to clarify funding chart. Possibility to have a link for an excel spreadsheet on our website which Tertinger will check into.

Robinson opened discussion if HPC should exclude CLG (Certified Local Government) city's. Thomas said this program was started by Jean Oxley for the smaller towns to have access to grant money. Discussion was pointed out this would be excluding Cedar Rapids, Mt Vernon, & Marion. McNall and Ciha agreed that tax dollars are "public money" should be open to ALL of the public. Also, Cedar Rapids does have a grant program. More discussion suggesting limiting the amount of money allocated per request, disclosure on the typical amount of money given (\$1000-\$5000) per request, or state that a typical grant is less than \$5000.

Robinson's last point of the evening was should anyone be ineligible if they are already receiving county funding.

**Next Meeting**

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with the focus to be on

- a. Repairing Lincoln Hwy kiosks.
- b. Wickiup RFP release date 10/1/19
- c. Indian Creek/Sugar Grove discussion
- d. Reach out to past grant recipients

**Adjournment** – Motion by Soukup, second by McNall, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

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Cathy Coppess, Recording Secretary

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Maura Pilcher, Chair