

Minutes from Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission(CCHPC)
Friday, July 9, 2021

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Roger Thomas. Those in attendance were Commissioners Ellen Collins, Lee Lenth, John Nikolai, Chris Schoen and Roger Thomas. Meeting was held at C.C. Development Group office.

Agenda was unanimously approved in a motion by Lee L. and seconded by Ellen C.

Minutes of June 11, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved in a motion by John N. and seconded by Chris S.

Budget Report: Per Auditor's Office balance in CCHPC account in \$1,151.94. County fiscal year began 7-1-2021 and per Roger our budget will remain the same this new fiscal year-\$2050. Ellen turned in statement regarding hotel fee to Roger per his request for staying in Des Moines area for the State Fair.

Old Business:

Iowa State Fair Booth.

Roger T., Ellen C. and spouse and Chris S. will be manning the booth on Wednesday, August 18. John will bring the pull up banner to CCDG office closer to the time of the fair. It was decided not to bring the 175th Elkader banner. We will bring the C.C. map banner and brochures from around the county. Lee will pick up some brochures from the Garnavillo Museum. Other county wide brochures will be supplied by C.C.D.G. office. Roger T. has arranged for parking passes and fair tickets.

Cardinal-Hickory Transmission Line Update:

Roger T. reported that news reporter Travis Bries of KWWL has had one report on this and will have another on Wednesday, July 14. He has done significant research about this situation and Roger T. and Chris S. have had contact with him. Per Chris S. there probably will not be any mitigation efforts to replace the loss of trees along the route. Commission will continue to monitor situation.

Elkader 175th review:

Good crowd at the Rural Heritage Museum per Roger T. Commission felt that we had a steady crowd at our booth and that people enjoyed the posters and info that we displayed. Ellen C. was disappointed in newspaper not having a supplement to the newspaper about the history of Elkader as they had said they would.

Floral Hall update:

As mentioned at our last meeting concern from a resident regarding the Floral Hall in the City Park. Ellen C. contacted City Manager, Jennifer Cowsart who stated that the

building is on their yearly maintenance watch list. She acknowledged that the porch needs attention. Commission member noted that it could also be painted. We have discussed this before with possibility of nominating for National Registry.

Guttenberg St. Mary's Church Convent update: Chris S. reported there has been no action taken on the demolition of the convent.

Old school house on Hilton Road:

Lee Lenth was to follow up with new owner as to their intended plans for the building- hoping that it will remain. Lee has not yet made the contact. Continue this until next meeting.

Update on McDermott/Byrnes Creamery story board at Osborne:
C.C.C. has gotten story board on display outside next to the hotel.

Johnson Barn:

Alan Johnson owner of historic barn approached John N. at the 175th celebration at Central Bank about the status of getting help for a new roof. John has submitted info the the State of Iowa. He will follow up related to the status of securing a T.A.N. advisor(what is new state name for this?)

New Business:

Grave markers for founders of Elkader. Ellen C. reported that Jennifer Cowsart asked the Commission if they would be interested in taking on this task. Favorable discussion about this. It was decided to think about it and discuss later. Possible idea would be to offer this to other towns in the County and perhaps CCHPC pay for a portion. Plan of action will be discussed at future meetings. Perhaps linking up with Carter House and Eastside Cemetery board to help finance this.

Painting of inside of the courthouse:

Ellen C. was asked to follow up with Supervisors or Maintenance Myron Phelps to see if they plan to paint over the murals done by the late Pat Matt. Suggestion was made to possibly frame section of murals and place a name plate on each e.g. courthouse scene by Pat Matt.

New Commission recruit:

Roger T. discussed potential new member James Downing of Monona who visited our CCHPC booth on June 19. He was very interested and definitely has an interest in history. All agreed on this suggestion. Lee Lenth also mentioned that _____ would be a good commissioner. Motion made by John N. to proceed adding these two people to our Commission and it was seconded by Lee L. Motion passed unanimously. Roger T. to make contact with them.

Motor Mill report by John N.

Old refurbished heat stoves secured from Jackson County will be placed in the mill. They also have recently installed some lighting in the mill.

C.C. Genie Society report by Lee L. Society asks for copy of our minutes. Secretary will send them June minutes and let them know they are available online also at Clayton County website.

Rural Heritage Center report by Roger T.:

New display-Soldier's Room is being worked on. They are in need of items to display from W.W. I.

Card passed and signed for Paula Mohr, our state contact for the Dept. of Cultural Affairs who has retired. She was a valuable asset for our Commission and for the state as a whole. She will be missed.

Next Regular meeting will be held Friday, August 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the Lockmaster House in Guttenberg. It is open now and has been refurbished. Chris S. will check for availability of meeting there and let commission members know. Darla K. stated that her office will NOT be open on August 13.

Motion to adjourn by John N. and seconded by Chris S. was unanimously approved.

Ellen Collins
Secretary