

CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
July 23, 2024
5:30 pm
City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sonya Dobberfuhl, Chair
Kim Coniglio
Dawn Brooks
David Kummerow
Lisa Kummerow

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent:

Natali Monaghan
Alexandra Omiotek

Sonya Dobberfuhl called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Coniglio) to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2023 Awards Program: Gina DelRose reminded the commissioners to think of properties, organizations and people worthy of the awards.

Promotional/Fundraising Events: Gina DelRose stated that several potential fundraisers have been discussed for the fall- chef's night, a scavenger hunt, a stained glass window tour and a haunted walking tour. Ms. DelRose stated that the commission will narrow down the events and pick dates at the August meeting.

David Kummerow questioned what other groups are doing haunted tours and referenced the paranormal investigation conducted at the Swift House. Mr. Kummerow stated that they could show footage from that investigation and talk about the history of the house.

Dawn Brooks stated that the Commission could partner with the Cemetery for a Cemetery Tour. Ms. Brooks stated that it has been awhile since a tour was held.

Gina DelRose stated that now that the larger events can also be discussed since the Commission is fully seated.

The Commission also discussed the possibility of an escape room.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that the grant was put on hold in 2024 due to lack of funding but the Commission's funds have increased so it will move forward again in 2025.

Expenditures: None.

Friends of Preservation: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of America: Belvidere and Boone County, Boone County Journal Postcard Books, A Walk Through Time

Royalties: None.

Book Sales: None.

Elections

Gina DelRose stated that Sonya Dobberfuhl cannot remain as Chair due to office holders not being able to serve more than two consecutive terms.

It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Dobberfuhl) to appoint Dawn Brooks as Chair and Kim Coniglio as Vice Chair. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

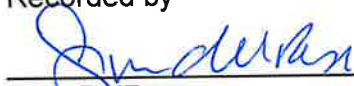
DISCUSSION: None.

Staff Report: Gina DelRose provided a staff update regarding new businesses locating to Belvidere and the Boone County Fair.

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 27, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Recorded by



Gina DelRose
Community Development Planner