

**CITY OF BELVIDERE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
February 25, 2025  
5:30 pm  
City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Dawn Brooks, Chair  
Kim Coniglio, Vice Chair  
Lisa Kummerow  
Sonya Dobberfuhl  
David Kummerow  
Natali Monaghan  
Alexandra Omiotek

**Staff Present:**

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

**Members Absent:**

Dawn Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

**MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded (L. Kummerow/Dobberfuhl) to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 meeting. Motion carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Work Plan**

2025 Awards Program: Gina DelRose stated that this will remain an agenda item as a reminder to look for and think about potential award winners.

David Kummerow questioned when the deadline was for nominees.

Gina DelRose stated late August/early September.

Promotional/Fundraising Events: Gina DelRose stated that the Belvidere Cemetery and the Boone County Conservation District have agreed to be host sites for the Victorian picnic series.

Gina DelRose stated that she included flyers from other preservation groups that hosted similar events to the Victorian picnic series. The Commission can research those events to see what was well received and what did not work.

Gina DelRose stated that the Victorian picnics will be held in May, June, July and September. None will be held in August because of the weather and the Boone County Fair.

Natali Monaghan stated that the Funderburg House is not available in June.

Gina DelRose stated that the cemetery is not available in May and she does not believe the Swift house is either.

David Kummerow stated that the Baltic Mill is being worked on this summer and could possibly host a picnic after work is completed.

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Gina DelRose stated that she sent out letters of interest to Redemption Church, St. James Catholic Church, Belvidere First United Methodist Church and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. So far no responses have been received.

Dawn Brooks stated that the Commission can reach out to local restaurants to see if they could hold Chef's Night fundraisers.

David Kummerow stated that the Parks and Conservation Foundation is not well known to the general public. Mr. Kummerow stated that joint events would help build their outreach efforts.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that she has received one grant application.

Natali Monaghan questioned how those eligible for the grant are notified.

Gina DelRose stated that she mails over 100 property owners an explanatory letter and grant application.

Expenditures: None.

Friends of Preservation: David Kummerow requested that an edition the History Keeper be sent out this year.

Gina DelRose stated that she will try to do one in March in order to announce upcoming events and fundraisers.

David Kummerow requested a Friends of Preservation meeting be held this year.

Gina DelRose stated that she could try to organize one for April and questioned if there should be a specific topic presented on.

David Kummerow stated that a presenter does not need to be provided and that in past years it seemed homeowners appreciated the opportunity to meet and discuss their own projects more than anything.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

Royalties: None.

Book Sales: None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**Staff Report:** Gina DelRose gave an update on upcoming projects and new businesses coming to Belvidere, especially those impacting the downtown.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: March 25, 2025**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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Gina DelRose

Community Development Planner