

Saundra Leininger called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were Saundra Leininger, Nancy Carmichael, Jon Brokaw, Joan Haley, Jim Reynolds, Dick Blazek, and Marti Gebbie. Absent were Linda Sargent and Beth Waddle.

Carmichael moved and Reynolds seconded the approval of the agenda. All Ayes.

Haley moved and Carmichael seconded the approval of the February minutes. All Ayes.

Saundra checked with Nancy Turner for a treasurer's report, and we have \$13,000 remaining in our current fiscal year budget. The Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 budget at their next meeting.

Jim asked about alternative sites to exhibit Iowa's 175<sup>th</sup> pop-up display. Saundra suggested the Lauvstad lobby and later commissioners agreed to use it in the window display for the May preservation month observance.

Commissioners discussed possible locations for the mobile museum exhibit with consideration for access to electrical hook-up for a 50 Amp Plug that is attached to the museum. Nancy will discuss with the city council their preferences and permission. In a follow-up email from Saundra (3/13), the favorable spot for the museum would be on the south side of Central Park. Also, April 20-25 are the new dates. Saundra will be contacting Leo Landis about his availability for the program; and then she will contact the school principals.

The grant contract was received for the ground penetration radar survey of cemeteries and after the recent Board of Supervisors meeting, Doug Birt signed it. In the Annual State Report provided to supervisors, Saundra was very comprehensive including attachments as well as the comment that the commission is pursuing accomplishing the number one recommendation of our consultant.

Commissioners discussed projects for funds available through June 30. Nancy is meeting with Joe Jordan on March 23 about the Queen City Monument project. Joe expressed interest and needs to give an estimate of his cost. Commissioners agreed weather permitting, this project can be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners also discussed the Wayside Inn project. Saundra is in contact with Michael Plummer, the Iowa historic sites manager who will provide clarity about cost. Nancy recommended a line in our budget to cover future maintenance of the sign. It was agreed to plan for the digitizing of the Queen City Book in next year's budget. A HRDP (Historic Resource Development Program) grant may be available. Saundra will contact a company in Urbandale about digitizing the book. The fourth project discussed briefly was replacing the country school signs. There was a question about who made the original signs.

Nancy visited with Dan Ahrens about the public meeting video. Dan plans to have all twelve townships completed soon. Commissioners voiced concern that more photos be included, and

Jim recommended commissioners review the video as a group. Sandra suggested the public meeting could be held in June and Marti recommended the Opera House as the venue.

Kim Reed on the Prescott city council requested assistance from the CLG to help with ways to secure financial resources for the stabilization of historic buildings. After discussion, Jim asked commissioners about their interest in a future project researching buildings in Prescott. All agreed this would be a possible goal for 2023.

Sandra reminded commissioners to engage city councils with quarterly reports and to inquire about their interest of having a survey in their community.