

Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes for Friday, July 10, 2020

Agenda unanimously approved in a motion by Lee Lenth and seconded by Ellen Collins

Minutes of the June 12, 2020 were approved unanimously in a motion by Milt Johnson and seconded by John Nikolai

Those in attendance were Ellen Collins, Roger Thomas, John Nikolai, Gary Goyette, Milt Johnson and Lee Lenth. Guest Chris Schoen also present.

Old Business:

Update on Keystone Bridge Restoration:

Per Milt Johnson, nothing has transpired. He did notify Project Manager that he will be the representative for the project from CCHPC. Ellen reported that she has contacted City Manager, Jennifer Cowsert to let her know Milt will be the contact person from our Commission.

Update on Osborne Story Board:

Ellen said that no real progress has been achieved. John Nikolai suggested that the statistics regarding amounts of butter received would be interesting to the general public and encouraged including that information.

Update on UMGC grant for Motor Mill:

CCC administrator Jenna Pollock is working on an UMGC grant to submit in the name of CCHPC for the benefit of Motor Mill. If it is approved, money will be used toward the renovation of the stable. Roger stated that secretary needs to send a copy of the CCHPC meeting minutes that reflect approval of CCC applying for this grant under the name of CCHPC. Secretary will follow up on this.

Update on new power lines between Dubuque County and Clayton County being put in:

CCHPC has been contacted to determine if there would be any historic structures, areas that may be affected by the installation of these lines. Ellen reported that per county pioneer cemetery records there was a cemetery in the general area but location of cemetery has not been determined. Further investigation will be done with the project archaeologist including looking for possible mounds that may be there and possibly impacted. Scheduled tour with archaeologist will be Monday, July 13, 2020. CCHPC members that will go will be Ellen, John, Lee, and Chris Schoen community member whose work experience is that of an archaeologist. Two members of the Pioneer Cemetery Commission will also attend-Bruce Collins and Myra Voss. CCHPC member Lee Lenth is also on the Pioneer Cemetery Commission.

Update on Mederville Bridge signs:

Per Roger Thomas no update has been received yet from Ray Peterson, Supervisor regarding him contacting County Roads Director Rafe Koopman for permission to put up signs along Emblem Road from HWY 13 to Mederville. This is a requirement by Iowa DOT. before they put a sign along HWY 13 to direct travelers to the historic Mederville 1917 bridge.

Update on pull-up banner:

Heritage Printing has redone the pictures etc from the flyer designed last year for the State Fair so it can be made into a pull up banner to make public aware of our commission. Roger suggested possibly

placing it at various sites around the county. Banner will be made by a company in Strawberry Point, thru CCDG office.

Update on securing new members:

Ellen contacted Anita Szemkus who declined, Lee was not able to get hold of Diane Brietsphecker, and Roger Thomas did ask the City of Elkader about a rep. But no response was received.

Update on developing a liaison with Cc Genealogy Society. It was suggested that Lee Lenth report to CCGS our(CCHPC) information and he will report to CCHPC what the CCGS is doing. Motion by Roger Thomas to appoint Lee Lenth as CCHPC rep. To CCGS, motion seconded by John Nikolai and motion was passed unanimously.

Update on Johnson Barn:

Gary stated that no contact has been made. He has left numerous messages with no response. If contact is made owner will be made aware of tax credits for historic buildings.

New Business:

Possible grant for St. Joseph's Catholic Church discussed. Ellen was contacted by the business manager of the church. She stated that the bell/clock needs work. The church has secured an estimate of \$6500. Ellen asked questions- what company was contacted, what there background is? Ellen also reported that she contacted Paula Mohr of the Dept. of Cultural Affairs as to an appropriate grant to utilize. Paula suggested an HRDP grant. Ellen also asked about the Federal Grant for Sacred Places but Paula felt HRDP is the best option. Ellen will follow with church representative to get answers to questions.

Chairperson Roger advised commission of the Rural Heritage Center's Fall fund raiser. He said that the museum has a lot of Enders Tools from Littleport. These will be displayed.

Next Meeting will be Friday, August 14, 2020.

Adjournment motion by Lee Lenth and seconded by Milt Johnson. Motion was approved unanimously.

Ellen K. Collins
Secretary