

## **McGregor Historic Preservation Commission Monthly Meeting ~ April 14, 2022**

The McGregor Historic Preservation Commission met at McGregor City Hall on April 14, 2022. Members attending were President Joseph Brooks, City Representative Duane Boelman, Maureen Wild, Sheila Oberreuter, Dave Kneer, Bob Clark, Commission Advisers Michelle Pettit and Joan Burns, and guest Brandon Wild.

President Joseph Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

### **Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting were approved.

### **Alternative Monthly Meeting Date**

Duane noted that Mel Wild is joining the McGregor Historic Preservation Commission as City Council Liaison. He has a scheduling conflict with the Thursday meetings. The Commission discussed alternate days and times. Dave Kneer motioned that the McGregor Historic Preservation Commission will begin holding meetings on the Second Tuesdays of each month at 6:00p.m. at City Hall. Bob Clark seconded. Approved.

### **Work Calendar**

Duane provided copies of the “2022 Work Plan” for review. Duane submitted the work plan to SHPO.

### **Preserve Iowa Summit**

The Preserve Iowa Summit will be held in Mason City, June 2-4. Duane, Mel, Maureen and Brandon plan to attend. Duane noted other commission members should let him know if they want to attend in person. There will also likely be zoom presentations online.

### **Walking Tour Revision**

Joan Burns is researching the QR code dynamics. She will make calls to some cities and chambers of commerce to see how they work with the QR codes. A subcommittee of Michelle, Maureen, Joan, Duane and Joe will meet on May 10<sup>th</sup> at noon at the McGregor Public Library to begin work on revisions.

### **McGregor Master Plan**

Duane stated that the seed money the Historical Preservation Commission offered for the Master Plan is not needed, as Jeffrey Westphal is paying the entire amount of \$30,000. The online survey had 70 responses so far. Michelle noted she will post reminders about the survey online again, as well as she would contact Middle School and High School teachers to inform the students about the survey. Jeffrey Westphal is also funding the Museum’s Plan. Duane met with Jeffrey on Monday. Jeffrey has hired a director of philanthropy, Bonnie Benjamin-Phariss. Cynthia Sweet is working with the museum on the Museum’s Master Plan.

### **Preservation Month Activities**

Duane wrote a Proclamation declaring May is Preservation Month that he shared with the commission members, and which will be read by the Mayor at the next City Council meeting. This year’s theme is “People Saving Places” Duane will do a press release regarding the proclamation, and he plans to post Facebook posts of historic buildings “before” and “current” photographs. Those historic posts received a lot of attention and sharing in past Preservation Months. Duane noted that Historic Preservation is driving the Master Plan. The Commission discussed Historic Preservation Awards. Maureen Wild made a motion that the Barron Building receive recognition during May’s Preservation Month, Sheila Oberreuter seconded. Approved. Maureen Wild nominated Lucy Rodenberg Anderson for a posthumous award noting her contributions to preservation of McGregor history; Bob Clark seconded. Approved. Duane will order plaques for Lucy and for the Barron Building for May Preservation Month.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m.

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Michelle Pettit, Secretary

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Joseph Brooks, President