

McGregor Historic Preservation Commission
Monthly Meeting ~ May 10, 2022

The McGregor Historic Preservation Commission met at McGregor City Hall on May 10, 2022. Members attending were President Joseph Brooks, City Representative Duane Boelman, Maureen Wild, Dave Kneer, Bob Clark, Mel Wild, and Commission Advisers Michelle Pettit and Joan Burns..

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

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the April 14, 2022 were approved.

Preserve Iowa Summit

The Preserve Iowa Summit will be held in Mason City, June 2-4. It will be in-person only.

Walking Tour Revision

Joe noted that the subcommittee met earlier that day at noon. The subcommittee members each took a section of the walking tour to review and edit. The subcommittee planned to meet again in a month.

Methodist Church

Joe got a new door from Menards for the side of the church and Al Anderson put it in. Chris from the Clayton County Energy District (CCED) did an Energy Audit. They found two leaks in the gas line. Joe had those fixed. CCED suggested to put in splits in upper section so there would be the ability to turn the heat down to 15 degrees. Joe & Matt's Plumbing and HVAC LLC gave an estimate of \$15,000 to install. Joe Brooks has been looking at elevators and looking into putting in more restrooms. Joe painted the red pillars gray for the open house, replaced the sound system, and the building now has a wireless microphone system. Joe is planning an exhibition sometime in the future of 45 Alfred Tulk paintings.

McGregor Master Plan

The McGregor Steering Committee met twice. They are still taking responses for the community-wide Master Plan Survey, which is available online through links on Facebook from the City's page or in hard copy at City Hall and at the McGregor Public Library. Feedback from the public will be used to develop goals and actions for the Master Plan. The Steering Committee noted they want the Methodist Church included in Master Plan considerations.

Preservation Month Activities

Duane started putting historic posts on Facebook for Preservation Month. The Historic Preservation Awards will be done at the regular McGregor Council meeting on May 18th at 6:30pm and Duane will have the plaques reading for presentation.

Other

Cindy Sweet has been meeting with museum members on Zoom, and had a meeting with Brandon Wild on Thursday. They discussed putting together an inventory for the museum. There are approximately 1800 objects. The process is estimated to take three or four months. The museum will then go into a four day visioning seminar, probably in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29p.m.

Michelle Pettit, Secretary

Joseph Brooks, President