

McGregor Historic Preservation Commission
Monthly Meeting ~ September 9, 2021

The McGregor Historic Preservation Commission met at McGregor City Hall on September 9, 2021. Members attending were City Representative Duane Boelman, Bob Clark, Dave Kneer, Maureen Wild, and Commission Adviser Michelle Pettit.

Duane called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Previous Minutes

Approval of minutes of the August meeting was tabled until the October meeting.

HPC Facebook page

Duane noted there are many people liking and sharing the HPC Facebook page posts. Duane created a post inviting people interested in local preservation to attend the Commission's open meetings.

Historic Character Re-enactment

Michelle shared copies of the six skits featuring local notables. Per Laurie Klosterboer, 10 of the 12 parts have been cast. Michelle will contact members of the sub-committee to walk the tour, time it, and develop the map. The Historical Skit Walking Tour is scheduled for October 30.

(Local notables featured: town founder Alexander MacGregor, international fresh pearl dealer W.H.C. Elwell, Vassar's first history professor Lucy Salmon, Kindergarten and playground activists Andrea and Amalie Hofer, 7th Iowa governor Samuel Merrill, and the first woman in the world with a doctor of dental degree Lucy Hobbs Taylor)

Hardware Store and Alexander Hotel

Duane spoke with a contractor about getting a quote for overseeing the Hardware Store project. It would be good to have a person overseeing it as there are so many steps and planning involved.

The Commission still planned to have photographs to document what was in the basement before the work is done filling it in. Sheila had offered to go down to the basement to take the photographs.

Other Business

Joan Burns stepped down from her position on the Commission. We need someone to fill her seat. She's one of the non-voting members. Brandon Wild may attend the next meeting. He has expressed interest in the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Michelle Pettit, Secretary