

McGregor Historic Preservation Commission
Monthly Meeting ~ April 9, 2021

Due to Covid-19, the McGregor Historic Preservation Commission met via Zoom. Members attending were City Representative Duane Boelman, Joseph Brooks, Dave Kneer, and Commission Advisers Joan Burns and Michelle Pettit.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

Previous Minutes

As the commission did not have a quorum, the minutes will have to be approved at the next meeting.

Seavey resignation

Duane noted that Ellis Seavey has submitted his resignation. The commission discussed needing another committee member and a president.

Preservation Month

Duane noted that the social media “This Place Matters” project he did last year for Preservation Month was well-received with over 60,000 views of posts on Facebook. He plans on doing a similar project this coming May, with other buildings covered. Dave suggested Gater's (Ferguson's FS Twin Cities Station) and Joan mentioned the Masonic building. Duane noted there will be a Mayor's Proclamation and that Audrey Posten of the North Iowa Times will be contacted about covering Preservation Month.

2021 Work Plan

Duane will email commission members a copy of the 2021 Work Plan to review. Joe we could start having presentations and events in Triangle Park. Joe spoke with Dan Bickel and discussed a Hook and Ladder demonstration. Joe also noted about possible Ho Chunk heritage talks. Michelle mentioned that this year is the 175th anniversary of McGregor (using the date when McGregor was platted) The commission discussed about whether an event such as historical skits could or would be feasible again this year. Joan proposed a scavenger hunt. She said she could put this together. There could be a \$175 award to the winner. As there were many ideas discussed the group stated they will form a subcommittee. Duane, Michelle, Joan and Joe stated they were interested in meeting to discuss projects for 175th Commemorative activities. Duane stated he will send out an email about a separate meeting for the subcommittee.

Other Business

In other business, the Methodist Church in McGregor has closed. The commission expressed its concern that the building be preserved. Duane noted we should keep the lines of communication open, and proposed more research to find out what the United Methodist Church does with church buildings once the congregation no longer uses them.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Michelle Pettit, Secretary