

**McGregor Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Monthly Meeting ~ August 12, 2021**

The McGregor Historic Preservation Commission met at McGregor City Hall on August 12, 2021. Members attending were City Representative Duane Boelman, Joseph Brooks, Bob Clark, Dave Kneer, Sheila Oberreuter, Maureen Wild, City Council Liaison Rogeta Halvorson, and Commission Adviser Michelle Pettit.

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

**Previous Minutes**

Joe made a motion to approve the July 8, 2021 minutes, seconded by Dave and approved.

**HPC Facebook page**

Duane noted that Commission members who are also on Facebook are administrators on the Historic Preservation Commission page. He encouraged everyone to add posts to the page. Duane shared a recent post about utilizing historic photographs when working on a home or business building. Posts showing historic photographs alongside current photographs have a lot of views and shares.

**Commission Officers**

Duane will add on Facebook page that we need another McGregor resident member on the Commission, and will add a reminder that the public can also sit in on our open meetings.

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Activities**

The Sub-Committee will meet with Audrey Posten and Laurie Klosterboer to discuss plans for the historical skits to be held in October.

**Hardware Store and Alexander Hotel**

Duane met in a Zoom meeting with Dan Bickel, Christina Dollhausen and the Director of the Iowa Museum Association Cynthia Sweet. Duane showed her plans for filling in the basement of the Hardware Store building and she said to go ahead. Duane will talk with Joshua Bean and Jeff Westphal about going forward. Cynthia stated that we should get a museum architect and designer, and to start a Community Master Plan. McGregor's last Community Master Plan was 2012, so it is time this is done again.

Sheila mentioned that we should have photographs to document what was in the basement before the work is done filling it in. She offered to go down to the basement to take the photographs.

Joe noted that the McGregor Historical Museum is currently working with Cynthia Sweet. He hoped someone from the Commission would attend the museum meeting next Thursday.

McGregor Holding Company is now the owner of the Alexander Hotel. As of the meeting, Luis planned November 6 as his last day. The building will stay an income producing property.

**Methodist Church**

The Methodist Church Preservation Foundation Incorporated has been approved as a non-profit, filed with the State of Iowa. The Bylaws have been finished. The Bylaws will be reviewed and then will file as a 501(c)(3). Joe noted he will contact John Morlock, lawyer of the Methodist Conference, to transfer the building. The group needs Board Members. Joe had been painting and cleaning. Pat Mullarkey was coming to talk with Dan Bickel about the wiring.

**Other Business**

Dave addressed the commission about the search for a Chairman. He noted that as a past Chairman he wished to see someone to step up to be the Chairman to work with Duane.

Dave Kneer nominated Joseph Brooks as Chairman of the Board, Bob Clark seconded. Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14p.m.

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Michelle Pettit, Secretary