

Monticello Historic Preservation Commission
January 4, 2022

The Monticello Historic Preservation Commission met through a virtual platform on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Members present: Maynard Suhre, Chad Johnson, Louanna Miller, Leigh Anderson, Maurey Williamson, Ryan Tracy

Members absent: Keddy Hutson

Public Participation: N/A

Acting Chair Ryan Tracy called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. The minutes of the October 5, 2021 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were presented for approval. A motion for approval was made by Maynard Suhre, seconded by Louanna Miller. Motion carried.

Old Business.

CLG Grant Update. For the CLG Grant for an exterior feasibility study of the Monticello Township Community Building, Callie McFarland reported that the consultant, along with Keddy Hutson are waiting on final estimates for improvements. The grant deadline isn't until fall of 2022, so there is still plenty of time.

Local Landmark Application Status. There has been no movement from the Monticello Township Community Building or Corries regarding their interest in applying for local landmark status.

Brick Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program. No update.

Downtown Historic Recognition Plaque Program. Maynard Suhre received a quote initially for \$2,905.24, but negotiated it to \$2,600.00 for 4 plaques. The proofs received for the former Methodist Church, Dighton building, and Steeple Coffee building look good, while the Presbyterian Church proof is awaiting font change. Once received the final proofs, Mr. Suhre will share with the HPC members for their final approval.

Downtown Vignettes. Callie McFarland spoke with both property owners of the buildings which hold the vignettes, and both are amenable to participate however the HPC prefers. Ms. McFarland will see if the spaces that hold the existing damaged banners are the same size as the two banners removed, for potential replacement.

Historic District "Watchdog Report". No Update.

New Business.

National Preservation Week. Ms. McFarland reported that National Preservation Week for 2022 is scheduled for April 24th – 30th, and recommends the HPC align their annual awards with this week. The commission discussed and decided that with Keddy Hutson's assistance in gathering properties, all members would participate in the selection process at the April 5th, 2022 HPC meeting.

CLG Annual Report. The Certified Local Government (CLG) annual report has been submitted to the Illinois State Preservation office.

With no further business, a motion was made by Louanna Miller, seconded by Maurey Williamson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday April 5, 2022.