**LISBON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
May 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rebecca Hess at 4:35 p.m. Present: Rebecca Hess, Amelia Kibbie, Marc Mohn, and Ann Opatz. Absent: Marianne Zahorik. Guest: Council liaison John Bardsley.

Moved by Opatz, seconded by Mohn, to approve the agenda. The motion passed on a voice vote of 4-0.

Moved by Hess, seconded by Kibbie, to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote of 4-0.

Updates:

Library Rehabilitation Project: Hess reported that Bennett Painting & Decorating will begin work on the windows (repair and painting) soon. She also reported that the Friends of the Lisbon Public Library was awarded a $5,000 grant from the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission for FY23 work that would defray costs of storefront painting and/or painting of the fire escape.

Meyers Farmstead Historic District: Council liaison Bardsley reported that work on the barns is on schedule and on budget. Work remaining to be done on this barn includes replacing exterior barn boards, backfilling the interior, and landscaping around the exterior. Noting concern about Blinks’ use of cement to repair the limestone foundation, Hess will talk to Blinks about following Secretary of the Interior Standards for mortar rehabilitation. It was noted that work has not yet begun on the other two barns, and that the roofs on these barns have not been repaired since August of 2020. Hess reported that she has been trying to secure a quote from OPN for the preparation of a preservation plan for the barns.

National Historic Preservation Month: Kibbie reported that she has worked with all three third grade classes on the mapping activity. Students will be given participation certificates prior to the end of the school year. The Mayor read the National Historic Preservation Month proclamation at the May 9 Council meeting, and an article about National Historic Preservation Month appeared in The Sun on May 5.

Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs Grant Opportunities/Destination Iowa Webinar: Opatz reported that she has been trying to schedule a meeting with City officials to discuss the Destination Iowa grant program. Those invited to participate in the meeting with LHPC include Council members Nate Smith and Sara Nost, Park & Rec Director Drayton Kamberling, City Administrator Brandon Siggins, and City Clerk Christina Eicher.

Hills Bank & Trust Friends Club Tour: Opatz reported that Hills Bank & Trust plans to offer a tour of the historic downtown area as a Friends Club event in fall of 2022. LHPC members will revise the existing script used for the video tour of the Main Street Historic District, and Jenny Thielman of the Cedar Rapids History Center will conduct the tour. Hills Bank will pay the Cedar Rapids History Center $100 for the first 15 participants and $7 for each participant thereafter. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of participants visiting the History Center following the tour to watch the Hills Bank video (and other videos) and enjoy refreshments. LHPC will work on a handout that provides information on other places of interest for participants to visit following the tour.

History Center Building Rehabilitation: Hess reported that Bi-State Masonry has encountered difficulty removing paint from the west wall, with about 70% of the paint being removed following the first application. The white paint remaining on the wall has been re-tested for lead content, with some lead paint remaining on the north side of the chimney. Concerns were expressed about the application of the first coat of stripper during cold weather and also about the length of time the film was left on the wall. Hess suggested that City Administrator address these issues with BSM before moving forward. Discussion followed regarding the best course of action to take to rehabilitate the west wall. BSM and a sales rep from Sherwin Williams recommend another coat of stripper to remove more of the white paint prior to undertaking the masonry work that is part of Phase 2. They also suggested using a thick masonry coating (Loxon XP) as a final sealant. Hess suggested the City hire a professional to re-assess the west wall. Moved by Hess, seconded by Mohn, to recommend the City hire Dave Arbogast at a cost of $745 to provide an independent report regarding the treatment of the brick masonry on the west wall of the History Center building. The motion passed on a voice vote of 4-0.
 Action was tabled on the possible purchase of a time lapse video camera to use as visual documentation of the rehabilitation of the masonry on the History Center building.
 Hess announced that the Lisbon History Center Foundation was awarded a $5,000 grant from the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission to help with the cost of the west wall rehabilitation project.
 Awards for the Historic Resource Development Program grant program will be announced in June. LHPC applied for $22,000 for masonry work on the west wall of the History Center building.

Training: The Preserve Iowa Summit will be held in Mason City this year on June 2 – 4. This year’s event is in-person only.

Other Business: Hess reported that she will be meeting with Suzette Astley, Chair of the Mount Vernon HPC, to discuss funding of the Lincoln Highway interpretive signs, estimated to cost about $6,000 each. The Linn County Historic Preservation Commission is providing $2,000 toward the cost of each sign, with the remaining funds to be raised locally. The Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group will also be raising funds for these signs, but its involvement is unclear at this time. Opatz suggested LHPC match the Linn County HPC amount of $2,000 if funds remain in the 2021-22 budget on June 30.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted: Ann Opatz, Secretary

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 Rebecca Hess, Chair