

Spirit Lake
Historical Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2022

Meeting Opened at 7:00pm at the Community Center

Present: Commissioners Becky Demers, Church Orr, Althea Sondahl, Steve Stoke (Robb Shaklett excused for illness)

Guests: Roger Goodall and Mona Stafford

Minutes from the May Meeting were not available but will be voted on for approval at next meeting.

Old Business:

Report on Membership Search-no progress

Discuss Grant Research and other Funding: Mona offered the use of the Senior Citizen's manager's office computer to look at the Grant Watch program which they own in order to locate grants that may be applicable and available for our work. Mona said that to look for smaller grants for a piece by piece approach would be more likely to be successful.

New Business:

Review the progress on the Woolen Brown building since May: The Commission toured the building and discussed the work that has been done and especially all the volunteer labor that Roger has contributed this summer. It is very encouraging and impressive to be making steady and sure progress in demolition of accretions. The removal of the sheet rock and insulation in the window spaces which Roger has done reveals more of the sense of the original feel of the rooms with such large windows and high ceilings. Althea and Patty worked on July 21st clearing out the first room for the Senior Citizens to use to store stuff and also moved all the Senior Citizens boxes etc that were in the entry area. On July 22 Althea talked to Mona and Mona agreed to have all the Senior Citizens' items moved into the first room but not in the entry so it will all be as close to the door as possible without blocking the entry. Also Althea and Brad Sondahl and Patty Murphy and Becky Demers moved and cleaned up and Becky hauled away garbage from Roger's work on July 25.

Review Senior Citizens' use of the Building The Seniors will move the stuff in the entry which was put in it as soon as Althea and Patty had cleared the stuff that was there before. Also the Althea reminded the group that the Seniors has agreed to work on the building in return for the use of a room.

Plan Moving the Piano that belongs to the Historical Society Chuck will oversee the moving the piano when he knows where it is to be moved. Althea will show Chuck where to move the piano in the Museum which is in the old Lutheran Church across Highway 41. The piano belongs to the Spirit Lake Historical Society and it was stored here when the Historical Society had their whole collection stored in the building. It is all that is left here that belongs to the Historical Society. Mona offered to get a group of younger seniors to help on the next work day and to help get the piano moved that day.

Plan next steps following current progress: Take out the basement kitchen.

Plan Workdays for August and September: The next work day will be September 17 at 9:00am.

Plan Contact with City regarding items they to have from the interior demo which are downstairs in the building now: Althea will talk to Mayor Cowperthwaite to ask him to look at what the city might want.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Althea Sondahl
Respectfully submitted by Althea Sondahl