

**Auburn Historic Preservation District
Minutes
February 26, 2020
7:00 pm**

The Auburn Historic Preservation Commission (AHPC) met on Wednesday February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Kris Gill, Janny Crotty, Cody Bradley, Shane Charbonnet and Dawn Weiss

Absent: all present

Guests were: Kim Beger-City Staff Person and Leslie Clark, ADC president

Chairperson Kris Gill called the meeting to order.

The notice of the meeting was posted at City Hall, Auburn State Bank and Nemaha County Courthouse.

Chairperson Kris Gill stated that this is an open meeting and the Open Meeting Act is on the north wall of the Council Chambers.

Roll call was taken: Present were Kris Gill, Janny Crotty, Cody Bradley, Shane Charbonnet and Dawn Weiss.

The minutes from January 15, 2020 meeting were approved as written, Janny moved and Shane seconds. Roll Call, Yes- Kris Gill, Janny Crotty, Cody Bradley, Shane Charbonnet and Dawn Weiss; No's- none.

**Old Business Discussed:
2020 Projects**

New Business:

Meet newly appointed AHPC Commissioner Dawn Weiss: Dawn introduced herself and told about her family and interests.

The Cenacle update- Dawn Weiss and her husband Jamie have purchased the “Old Bakery”, formerly a baker in the late 1800’s early 1900’s and most recently was the Time Warner Cable office. Dawn and Jamie are renovating the space into a bookstore, coffee shop and conference space. Dawn is a preservationist and is loving this building and trying to restore it back to original as much as she can. Their daughter Reagan will also have an art studio and gallery on one side of the building.

Review DTR application- Ruth Heywood: 1206 J Street (revision): The application was reviewed and discussed. The application did not provide complete information on the storm windows. The roof and temporary power had been approved at an earlier meeting in 2019. The application needs to be clear and concise and have detailed information regarding the product and installation.

Kris moved to deny this application on lack of information that would allow the commissioners to make an informed decision based on guidelines by the Secretary of Interiors Standards. Shane seconds. Roll Call, Yes- Kris Gill, Shane Charbonnet, Dawn Weiss, Janny Crotty and Cody Bradley. No's- none.

Review DTR application-Eldon and Sonia Kistner: 1213 J Street: The application was reviewed and discussed. Photos were provided of the proposed brick work. Kim spoke with the contractor and informed him of the Historic District, and she printed off the masonry guidelines for him. Mr. Halteman is willing to abide by the guidelines, try to purchase old bricks from buildings in Auburn that have been

salvaged and is going to research the appropriate mortar to use. Kim mentioned to him that there are three commissioners who will be attending the Restoration Exchange Omaha Conference and they will bring back any information that would be helpful to him. Shane moved to accept the repair work on 1213 J Street, Kris seconded.

Roll Call, Yes- Kris Gill, Shane Charbonnet, Dawn Weiss, Janny Crotty, Cody Bradley. No's- none.

Nathan Wright has been hired as the AHPC intern. There are funds in the 2019-2020 CLG grant to pay him. Janny and Kim have had a meeting with Nathan and explained the scope of work, pay and outcomes.

Auburn's 138th Birthday Celebration: Leslie Clark was present to speak about this celebration. Leslie lead the Honeybees in the Heartland project and would like to continue with events and art. Leslie explained why she wants to do this event and how she has been working on it. Leslie has been meeting with Janny and Kim to see how AHPC could be a partner/assistant in this project. The purpose of the birthday celebration aligns with the goals of historic preservation.

2020-2021 Grant application: Since the last AHPC meeting there have been some opportunities and community partners arise for AHP. Janny and Kim worked on organizing some of these partnerships, budgeting for them and writing the 2020-2021 grant. Here are the items: Auburn's 138th Birthday Celebration, sending 6 people to Restoration Exchange conference in 2021, continuing Nathan Wright's internship, purchasing additional video/audio equipment, working with the HAL students and other APS students including purchasing VR goggles, collaborating with Good Samaritan Society Longs Creek Assisted Living on history trivia games, history bus tours, history scavenger hunts, interviews and forums "Long story Short", painting advertisings back on the buildings and plen air painters for the birthday celebration.

Shane motioned to approve and recommend to the City Council the 2020-2021 CLG grant application. Janny seconded.

Roll Call, Yes- Kris Gill, Shane Charbonnet, Dawn Weiss, Janny Crotty and Cody Bradley. No's-none

Dawn Weiss spoke at Rotary on Tuesday 2/25/20 and she reported on that experience.

Janny, Shane, Dawn and Kim will be attending the 2020 Restoration Exchange Omaha Conference.

Next meeting was not discussed but will be called when needed.

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned 8:40 at; Janny moved to adjourn, Cody seconded.

Roll Call, Yes- Kris Gill, Shane Charbonnet, Dawn Weiss, Janny Crotty and Cody Bradley. No's- none.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Beger