

**Auburn Historic Preservation District  
Minutes  
June 24, 2020  
7:00 pm**

**The Auburn Historic Preservation Commission (AHPC) met on Wednesday June 24, 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 Nathan Wright, AHPC intern**

**Chairperson Kris Gill called the meeting to order.**

**The notice of the meeting was posted at City Hall, Auburn U.S Post Office 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 February 24, 2020 and February 26, 2020 meetings were approved as written, Shane moved and Kris seconds. Roll Call, Yes- Kris Gill, Janny Crotty, Cody Bradley, Shane Charbonnet and Dawn Weiss; No's- none.**

**Old Business Discussed:**

**2019-2020 CLG Grant has been completed and submitted for reimbursement  
2020-2021 CLG Grant was discussed regarding amount awarded and projects.**

**New Business:**

**Review DTR application- Peggy Kuser: 905 Central Avenue The application was reviewed and discussed. The roof recoating will not have any adverse effects on the Historic Preservation of this building.**

**Kris moved to accept this application based on no adverse effect on the historic preservation of this building and is keeping within the Secretary of Interior Standards. Shane seconds.**

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

**Review DTR application-Jamie Weiss: 1304 Courthouse Ave: The application was reviewed and discussed. Exterior photos were provided to show the removal of the large window that is not historically accurate and the installation of two new metal framed windows to match the existing windows. The brick is being matched up to the existing brick and bricks were presented to show the matching color, texture, and size. Jaime and Dawn Weiss have been working with History Nebraska to restore the building façade back to its original character. Janny moved to accept the work on 1304 Courthouse Ave, Shane seconded.**

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

**Nathan Wright has been hired as the AHPC intern. There were funds allocated in the 2019-2020 CLG grant and in the 2020-2021 grant to pay him. Janny and Kim have had a meeting with Nathan and explained the scope of work, pay and outcomes. Nathan met the AHP Commissioners, he introduced himself and discussion was had on the work he is doing within the Historic District.**

**Projects for 2020- additional research to include more researchers. Since Nathan has been doing historic research on Auburn, the buildings and citizens of Auburn, there is a lot of information to be collected. Pam Allison is sitting in on the zoom calls as she does extensive research on Auburn and its people and buildings. It would be valuable to AHP District to collect that information and house it on the City's website. There has also been a discussion with Marilyn Gerdes to research deed records at the Courthouse on these buildings. Kim has suggested that there be a one-time stipend of \$500 for each of these ladies to help fill in the holes on properties and people within Auburn. There are funds available in the 2020-2021 CLG Grant.**

**Janny moved to approve the one-time stipend to Pam Allison and Marilyn Gerdes for additional research. Dawn seconded.**

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

**Zoom interviews with Helen Moody at Long's Creek Assisted Living. Janny, Nathan, Pam Allison and Kim meet every Thursday morning with Helen Moody a 98- year-old resident of Long's Creek Assisted Living to gather stories she has of the community and its people. A couple of times Herb Lash participated in the zoom calls too. It would be best if we can interview Herb in person and in the downtown environment.**

**Restore the Bandshell in Legion Memorial Park. Leslie Clark with Auburn Summer Sounds Concert Series asked about painting the bandshell to be historically accurate. Kim reached out to History Nebraska and the CLG grant funds can not be used to purchase paint or help with restoration on the bandshell. AHPC is supportive of taking care of the bandshell. Leslie will need to provide details on what she would like to see.**

**Discussion was had on purchasing camera equipment for in person videos. Funds are allocated in the CLG grant to purchase such equipment.**

**Discussion was had to purchase equipment to transcribe the Zoom recordings of Helen Moody and equipment to digitize old photos. Funds are allocated in the CLG grant to purchase such equipment.**

**Church Howe Memorial- Janny talked about how Church Howe donated the land for the Legion Memorial Park and was a Civil War soldier. With the Veterans Memorial in the park Janny thought it was an oversight not to have Mr. Howe listed. Janny suggested a Memorial for Mr. Church Howe be erected for his contribution to Auburn and being one of the founders. Janny also talked about meeting Church Howe descendants in October 2019. Kim reached out to History Nebraska and CLG funds cannot be used for memorials.**

**Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned 8:20 at; Janny moved to adjourn, Shane seconded.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Beger**