

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PELLA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JULY 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Kermode called the Historic Preservation Commission to order in the Memorial Building at 5:00 p.m. Members present were: Don André, Bruce Boertje (arrived at 5:01 p.m.), Rhonda Kermode, and Lila Turnbull. Staff present: City Planner Gerald Buydos and the Deputy City Clerk. No members of the public attended the meeting.

APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Motion by Turnbull, second by D. André to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by D. André, second by Turnbull to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS/WORK SESSION/PUBLIC FORUM

Boertje arrived at 5:01 p.m.

Other

The Commission and staff indicated that they had only heard from one individual who was concerned about the potential formation of the Scholte Garden Historic District. City Planner Gerald Buydos will reach out to State Historical Society of Iowa Architectural Historians Sara André and Paula Mohr to see if they will be available to attend a future in-person meeting, possibly in September 2021, to answer questions for property owners about historic districts and the associated benefits. Buydos suggested presenting property owners with information about successful historic districts in Iowa.

**Report from Chairperson Kermode Regarding the Certified Local Government (CLG)
Program and Consulting on Historic Buildings**

Kermode stated she had a conversation with a City of Pella councilmember about the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. The councilmember suggested having the State of Iowa give a presentation on CLGs at a future Council meeting, since it has been a while since the last presentation. Staff will check to see whether the State has had an opportunity to review the City's local historic district ordinance.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2021. A couple of commissioners indicated they may not be able to attend. Staff will check the Commission's availability closer to the meeting date.

Adjourned at 5:44 p.m.