

Amana Colonies Land Use District

Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda

January 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom App

An in-person meeting is not possible due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the small size of the ACLUD meeting room, which does not provide enough room to maintain social distance between those attending.

- I. Call Meeting to Order. Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees President Lynn Trumpold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: L. Trumpold, Bruce Trumpold, Andrew Conquest, Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp, Ithiel Catiri, Laura Kay Sheely (joined meeting at 7:02), Joe Parcell, and Administrator Elly Hoehnle. Also present were Iowa County Engineer Nick Amelon and several members of the public.
- II. Set Agenda. Motion by B. Trumpold, second by Catiri, to set the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- III. Discussion with Iowa County Engineer Nick Amelon regarding sidewalks. County has sidewalk ordinance. Land Use District does not. Iowa Code has requirement that sidewalks need to be “accepted” into the city. ACLUD sidewalks put in about 1909 – never “accepted” into ACLUD. Deficient sidewalks need to be replaced at homeowners’ expense, Amelon asked for Trustee support. How do we get community support? Possible requirement for sidewalks on title transfer? Iowa County Board of Supervisors want to get the sidewalks fixed. Motion by Sheely, second by Catiri, that a letter be sent to the County acknowledging that the County has presented their proposal to the ACLUD BOT regarding what they want to send to the Land Use residents, the Board of Trustees is fully notified and in support of the action the Iowa County Board of Supervisors is intending to take. Discussion: B. Trumpold not comfortable with any board action until we have talked with our attorney. L. Trumpold: agrees. Conquest: supports as a community member, does not support as an ACLUD Trustee. Motion failed on a 3-4 vote, with Sheely, Catiri and Hansen-Rieskamp voting aye.
- IV. Board of Trustees Work Session: 12-month and 24-month goals
 - Community presentation, such as the “What Makes an Amana House an Amana House” presentation from several years ago.
 - Trustees attend HPC meetings or take more active role with HPC.
 - Digitize all ACLUD records.
 - Intern?
 - Possible ICCF grant application.
 - Add option to pay application fees online.
 - Administrator to add all permit applications to a shared folder in One Drive.
 - Administrator to put all COAs in shared folder in One Drive.Discussion will continue at February meeting.
- V. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda. No comments.
- VI. Review/Approve: December meeting minutes. Motion by Sheely, second by Hansen-Rieskamp, to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- VII. Review/Approve January disbursements. Motion by Catiri, second by Hansen-Rieskamp, to approve disbursements as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- VIII. Review/Approve December Treasurer’s Report. Motion by Catiri, second by Conquest, to approve the report as amended to include the Hotel/Motel Taxes Percent of Budget of 31.37%. Motion carried 7-0.
- IX. Other Business

- a. Discussion/Action: Amendments to fence ordinances. The Administrator will add historic photos to proposed amendments and will present at February meeting.
- b. Discussion/Action: Guidelines for basement window wells and egress windows. The Administrator will tighten the language as requested and present at February meeting.
- c. Discussion: Proposal for live plant sales. Presentation by Parcel (Administrator will forward written presentation to all Trustees.) Discussion. Permit required? Percentage of inventory? Enforcement? Discussion to continue at February meeting.
- d. Review draft budget for FY 2021-2022 and set date for budget hearing. Motion by Catiri, second by Sheely, to set the hearing on the FY 2021-2022 budget for 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

X. Administrator's Report

- a. Action items from Administrator's Report
 - i. February 2021 Historic Preservation Grant Cycle. Due to a lack of Hotel/Motel taxes received, the February 2021 cycle will be skipped. The next deadline for grant applications is July 1, 2021.
 - ii. Set date for Rawson hearing. Motion by Sheely, second by Conquest, to set hearing for February 8, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. President's Report

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Lynn Trumpold, ACLUD BOT President

Eleanor S. Hoehnle, Administrator

The Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees was established and its members duly elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 303, Code of Iowa, subsections 303.41 through 303.68. All activities of the Board of Trustees in exercising its corporate authority including the election of officers, meetings and public hearings, expenditure of funds, appointment of Boards and employees are public records, and are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 303, Code of Iowa. All Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend the meetings.