

Amana Colonies Land Use District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 8, 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 Board of Trustees President Lynn Trumpold called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:03 p.m. Present: L. Trumpold, Bruce Trumpold, Joe Parcell, Laura Kay Sheely, Andrew Conquest, Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp, and Administrator Elly Hoehnle. Absent: Ithiel Catiri. Several members of the public were also present.
- II. Set Agenda. Motion by B. Trumpold, second by Conquest, to set the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Attorney John Wagner and Janice Rawson were present to discuss the violations at 708 47th Avenue. Wagner presented Rawson's history of the business/property. Rawson claims to have a permit to have display structures for plants outside; admits appearance of building and display area is unkempt; business is a bright spot selling flowers and draws people into town; keep live plants outside April 1 to end of July?

Trustees reiterated their support of local businesses; have concerns about the hardscape and metal structures outside the business; letter sent to Rawson due to ongoing issues; Trustees have no memory or record of approval from a prior administrator; business has gone beyond a well-organized plan (trash on roof, piles of trash, tarp covered piles).

Trustees note this is part of a larger discussion and that the Board is currently working through the issue of live plant sales and merchandise displayed outside. At the December meeting, Trustees decided to enforce the ordinances as written.

Rawson will come back to the March 8 BOT meeting with an action plan to address the current issues. Motion by Sheely, second by Hansen-Rieskamp, to require that the trash on the roof be removed within seven days. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Discussion on sidewalks with Iowa County Supervisors Alan Schumacher and Abby Maas. Schumacher is looking for a spirit of cooperation with the Trustees and wants a public statement supporting Iowa County's plan to send letters to property owners requiring sidewalks to be repaired. Mass agreed with Schumacher and noted that the Board of Supervisors and the ACLUD Board of Trustees should set clear expectations for property owners. Schumacher noted that the County will be repairing some sidewalks that were part of the Main Street project at no cost to property owners. Trustees noted that the Land Use District has no jurisdiction over the sidewalks on county right-of-way; only Iowa County does.

Individual Trustees expressed their personal opinions that sidewalks in proper repair is a good idea. However, based on legal advice received, the Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees will not make a public statement about the County's plans to move forward.
- V. Review/Approve: January meeting minutes. Motion by Conquest, second by Parcell, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda. No comments received.

- VII. Review/Approve February disbursements. Motion by Conquest, second by B. Trumpold, to pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. Review/Approve January Treasurer's Report. Hansen-Rieskamp asked about the insurance budget vs. insurance expenses. The Administrator will check and report back to the Trustees. Motion by Conquest, second by Hansen-Rieskamp, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.
- IX. Other Business
- a. Discussion/Action: FY 2021-2022 Budget. Motion by Sheely, second by Hansen-Rieskamp, to approve the budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Discussion: Trustees' 12-month and 24-month goals. Conquest asked the Administrator about the file-sharing option and intern/grant discussed at the January meeting. Administrator is working on file-sharing option and has not investigated intern/grant.
- c. Discussion: Proposal for live plant sales/outdoor merchandising. Trustees would like to hear more from the community and reformulate the ordinances to reflect what the community wants. Need to balance the community desires with the historic fabric of Amana. Hardscapes not popular with residents, but popular with business owners.
- Propose change to ordinance or stick with enforcement of current ordinance? Look at new permit with annual review of permit? Sheely and Parcell will work on a plan. Sheely will contact SHPO for input. Trustees will hold a special meeting on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the plan.
- d. Discussion/Action: Review Permit fees. Fees last reviewed approximately 9 years ago. Hansen-Rieskamp will review fees from other towns and send that information to the Administrator.
- e. Discussion/Action: Possible rezoning of ACOS-NA property. Rezoning will not be requested.
- f. Discussion/Action: Review/approve 2020 CLG Report. Trustees would like information on the Preservation Summit when it is available. Motion by B. Trumpold, second by Hansen-Rieskamp, to approve the 2020 CLG report. Motion carried unanimously.
- X. Administrator's Report. One Administrator's permit in January; fence ordinance update and guidelines for egress windows and window wells will be presented at the March meeting; Conquest steps not installed according to permit and request for change submitted by Conquests; old fire station in Middle-owner said she is looking for a contractor; one contact received from Attorney Jim Claypool on behalf of the Venards.
- XI. President's Report. No report.
- XII. Adjourn, Motion to adjourn by Sheely, second by Parcell. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Lynn Trumpold, ACLUD BOT President

Eleanor S. Hoehnle, Administrator

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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.

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