

**Amana Colonies Land Use District Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**February 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**  
**In Person at Amana Heritage Museum Auditorium and via Zoom**

- I. Call Meeting to Order: Amana Colonies Land Use District Historic Preservation Commission Vice-Chair Jeff Conquest called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Present in person: Jeff Conquest and Nathan Smith. Present via Zoom: Betsy Momany and Elisha Presson-TePoel. Unable to attend: Alex Momany . Several members of the public were also present both in person and via Zoom.
- II. Set Agenda: There was a motion by Smith to approve the agenda. Second by Presson-TePoel. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Review/Approve January 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes: Motion by Presson-TePoel to accept as presented, second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda: There were two visitors present in the Auditorium and two visitors via Zoom. No public comments were received.
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
  - a. 2022-012. Amana Society Inc., four parcels of land that are south of the Highway 220 bridge across Price Creek, east of the Amana Furniture Shop. ACOS. Application for a Rezoning Permit. The Amana Society is requesting a zoning change for these parcels from ACOS to ACOS-NA. This would then allow the development of a disc golf course in this area. It should be noted that these parcels are not in a Historic District, however they are next to historic properties to the west. Therefore HPC was made aware of these developments so that they could forward comments or questions to the BOT if desired. After discussion the HPC indicated that the concept looked good to them and they had no comments or questions for the BOT. It should be noted that Bruce Trumpold was present at the meeting.
  - b. 2022-013. Amana Colonies Bakery and Popcorn/Victoria Kirby/agent ServPro of Cedar Rapids, 4522 220th Trail Amana. HP-C. Had fire in upstairs and attic of building. ServPro to replace shingles on roof due to fire damage. Also replace quantity two (2) attic windows. It should be noted that Brett Kellogg of ServPro and Victoria Kirby (Zoom) were present at the meeting. There really were no issues discussed regarding shingles and the roof. There was discussion as to what the original two attic windows looked like, and this would be a good time to get that look back. Internet research (an old photo) indicated they were multi-pane windows, so that is what will be installed. The chimney then became a point of discussion. To summarize, if chimney was post 1932 Servpro wanted to remove it, if pre 1932, it will need to be repaired both inside and above roofline before roof can be completed. Jon at Museum indicated to Brett (post HPC meeting) that chimney was pre 1932, so they will pursue reconditioning it. A motion was made by Presson-TePoel, seconded by Smith to recommend approval of the Application to the Board of Trustees, with conditional approval on the chimney depending on age findings. The motion passed unanimously.

c. 2022-014. Amana Colonies Bakery and Popcorn/Victoria Kirby/agent ServPro of Cedar Rapids, 4522 220th Trail Amana. HP-C. Victoria had asked Servpro to work up a proposal for removing an upstairs window, installing a door in its' place, then fabricating a landing and staircase on the side of the house to serve as a fire escape. B. Momany pointed out that before this can proceed any farther, a State Historical Architect should visit to make sure design is compliant to both fire codes as well as historical compliance. Also a point made that if business is zoned commercial then no one can live upstairs. Brett indicated that currently upstairs is storage/worker breakroom/bathroom.

d. Grant Application – Monys Hagen – 1007 26<sup>th</sup> Ave Middle Amana – Wishes to receive HP Grant money in regard to repairing and stabilizing an outbuilding which was previously a washhouse/woodshed/outhouse. The HP Grant Review Committee reviewed this request on 2/8/22 and recommended forwarding to the HPC. Potential grant amount of \$2433. Request was in before the 2/15/22 deadline. HPC had no comment regarding the grant. A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Presson-TePoel to recommend approval of the grant to the Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Other Business:

a. Discussion on potential Photography Contest for 2022. It was decided to take a sabbatical for this year.

b. The SAMS account with the federal government did not get established in time to apply for the Paul Bruhn Revitalization Grant. The verbiage developed for the application will be saved and can be used on future grant applications.

c. B. Momany is collecting all of the separate sections of zoning ordinances that have been under review. It was discussed setting up a continuous reviewing process, with each section of ordinance having a separate revision number. That way the documents can be reviewed in smaller sections over time rather than all at once.

vii. Administrator's Report: Only item mentioned and discussed was the (relatively new) Iowa County ordinance for Nuisance Abatement.

VIII. Adjourn: Smith made a motion to adjourn, second by Presson-DePoel. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Members of the Historic Preservation Commission were appointed by the Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees pursuant to Chapter 303, Code of Iowa, and Chapter 21.00 of the Land Use Plan. Members of the Historic Preservation Commission are resident electors of the Amana Colonies Land Use District and are qualified by interest in, knowledge or experience in matters pertaining to the history, and culture of the Amana Colonies. All Amana Colonies Land Use District Historic Preservation Commission meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend the meetings.