

**Amana Colonies Land Use District**  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
December 12, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.  
Amana Heritage Society Museum Auditorium – 705 44<sup>th</sup> Ave Amana  
And via Zoom

- I. Call Meeting to Order. Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees President Joe Parcell called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. Present in person: Parcell, Bruce Trumpold, Tyler Stockman, Norine Magee, Moses de los Santos, Peter Hoehnle and Lynn Trumpold.
- II. Set Agenda. B. Trumpold noted that the agenda needed to be modified so that the Board could formally vote on accepting the chicken, ducks and geese ordinance changes. B. Trumpold then made a motion to that effect. Second by Magee. Motion passed unanimously. Modification was added to agenda at VI (c).
- III. Review/Approve November Meeting Minutes. B. Trumpold noted a correction needed in the November 14 minutes at section VI b. Second line change from “his position as Chair of” to “his position on the”. Motion to approve the amended November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes by Hoehnle, second by Stockman. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda. No one spoke.
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation District:
  - a. 2022-114. Susan Matrise / 759 48<sup>th</sup> Ave Amana / HP-C. Blumen Haus-Barrels and Blooms. Build a pergola over the chilton stone which extends over pond. Picket style fencing around perimeter. For safety and insurance purposes. Also, this would be a gathering point for wedding party photographs. Wood used would either be brown pressure-treated or cedar. After discussion L. Trumpold made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by de los Santos. Motion passed with abstain by Parcell. A Certificate of Approval was generated. It should be noted that Susan Matrise was present at the meeting to answer questions.
  - b. 2022-115. Susan Matrise / 759 48<sup>th</sup> Ave Amana / HP-C. Blumen Haus-Barrels and Blooms. 12' x 24' portable storage shed, painted wood sides in approved colors, with shingled roof - Hardy Lawn Furniture - Iowa City. After discussion Stockman made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Magee. Motion passed with abstain by Parcell. A Certificate of Approval was generated. It should be noted that Susan Matrise was present at the meeting to answer questions.
  - c. 2022-101. Susan Matrise / 2601 and 2515 J St Middle Amana / HP-R. The application requests a permit for demolition of the fire-damaged property at 2601 and 2515 J St Middle Amana. This is a result of the conclusion reached by both a Structural Engineer’s (VJ Engineering) inspection in September and by Alvin Bontrager, a post and beam contractor in October that the building is no longer structurally sound. The ultimate stated intent of the owners is to rebuild the structure and live there. After discussion

which included a review of the citizen input from the Public Hearing, Stockman made a motion that the demolition of the property be allowed to go forward. Second by L. Trumpold. Motion passed with naye by B. Trumpold and abstain by Parcell. A Certificate of Approval was generated. It should be noted that Susan Matrise was present at the meeting to answer questions.

VI. Other Business.

- a. Discussion/Action: Administrator made the Board aware that the Historic Preservation Commission had discussed the damage done to property in the HP-C district of Amana from the high-speed chase which occurred around Thanksgiving. They would recommend that (should) permitting or fees be normally required by the Administrator for rebuild, the Board would waive that requirement due to the nature of the event.
- b. Discussion/Action: Administrator made the Board aware that Betsy Momany has volunteered to head up and coordinate the formation of a citizen/HPC committee which would tackle researching and creating modified ordinances for short term rental of residential property. Notice to be made in media in December with intention of first committee meeting around end of January.
- c. Discussion/Action: The second Public Hearing regarding the Chickens, Ducks, Geese Ordinance that had occurred earlier that evening was discussed. It was mentioned that the Certified Local Government (CLG) representative needs to provide their review and input on any ordinance changes that can affect Historic Preservation Districts. It should be noted by Administrator that this event has already occurred. Hoehnle made a motion that the ordinance be approved and entered into the Land Use Plan, Division 3.0. Second by L. Trumpold. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Review/Approve December Disbursements Report. Motion to approve by L. Trumpold, second by Hoehnle. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Review/Approve November Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve by L. Trumpold, second by Stockman. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. President's Report. No report issued.

X. Administrator's Report. 1) Administrator provided data regarding application activity in November. 2) November Hotel/Motel Taxes Pledged Document attached. It was noted by B. Trumpold that Cedar Rapids seems to be using their H/M tax \$ in a variety of ways, according to a recent Gazette article. Administrator to research. 3) Had a review of current ordinance enforcement activity. 4) Administrator noted that he has now purchased a new laptop PC for ACLUD. 5) Discussed need for potential updating of the Veenstra and Kimm zoning maps after seven years of inactivity. 6) Administrator indicated that he doesn't see many changes in the FY 2023/24 ACLUD budget

- XI. Adjourn. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by L. Trumpold, second by Stockman.  
Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Joe Parcell, ACLUD BOT President

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Richard Budde, Administrator and Clerk

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