

**Amana Colonies Land Use District Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**November 28, 2022 6:30 p.m.**  
**At the Amana Colonies Land Use District office**  
**And via Zoom link**

- I. Call Meeting to Order: Amana Colonies Land Use District Historic Preservation Commission Vice Chair Jeff Conquest called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. Present in office: Jeff Conquest, Betsy Momany and Elisha Presson-TePoel. Alex Momany and Nathan Smith were unable to participate.
- II. Set Agenda: Motion by B. Momany to accept the agenda as stated. Second by Presson-TePoel. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Review/Approve October 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes: It was decided to table the approval of the minutes since Presson-Tepoel was not at the last meeting and that left only two present to vote on it.
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow residents of the Amana Colonies to speak on items not on the agenda: No one spoke.
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning 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. Also picket style fencing around perimeter. For safety purposes to keep children from falling into pond. Also this would be a gathering point for wedding party photographs. Wood used would either be brown pressure treated or cedar. After discussion B. Momany made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Conquest. Vote went two ayes, with Presson-TePoel a nay. Her concern was that the load bearing capacity of the chilton stone should be determined before project is approved or initiated.
  - 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 B. Momany made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Presson-TePoel. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. The issue of the high-speed chase in Amana Thanksgiving evening and the subsequent damage done was discussed. Conquest made a motion that the Board of Trustees should allow the permitting process and fees to be suspended for the property owners who were affected by the crime. This would be based on the replacements being like for like features. Second by B. Momany. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Other Business:

- a. The BOT had asked the HPC if they would be willing to take on the project of research and ordinance amendment development regarding short term rentals of residential properties in the Amana Colonies. Betsy indicated she would be willing to coordinate this effort. It was decided that a notice should be placed in the December ASB and social media regarding the formation of a HPC/citizen committee that would work on this project. The goal would be to have a group of individuals formed by the end of January which could use the church in Amana as their meeting location.

vii. Administrator's Report: No report.

VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 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.