

Amana Colonies Land Use District Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 24, 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 Chair Alex Momany called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Present in office: Jeff Conquest, Betsy Momany and Alex Momany. Present via Zoom: Nathan Smith. Elisha Presson-TePoel was unable to participate.
- II. Set Agenda: Administrator noted that application 2022-109 could be removed from the agenda because it was subsequently found that it did not require approval of the HPC. Also noted that the subject of short-term rental of housing (such as Airbnb or VRBO) should be added to the agenda at VI (c). Motion by B. Momany to amend the agenda as stated. Second by Conquest. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Review/Approve September 8th Special Meeting and September 26th Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion by B. Momany to accept minutes of both meetings as presented. Second by Conquest. Motion carried unanimously.
- 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. 2022-108. Moses de los Santos and Suzanne Sudmeier / 4502 220th Trail Amana / HP-C. This is at the Gallery On Main Art Gallery. Replace quantity eight wooden windows with vinyl. The quan 6 downstairs are all 28" x 46" 6/6 w 8" x 10" panes. The quan two upper windows are both 31 1/2" x 36" 6/6. It was noted that the agenda and application said that some windows were 9/6, however all windows will be 6/6. After discussion B. Momany made a motion to approve the application with the window pane alteration made. Second by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Other Business:
 - a. Made HPC aware that BOT reviewed the Chickens Ducks Geese Ordinance draft on 10/17 and would now like to see a first Public Hearing called to review ordinance modification with the public.
 - b. Alex Momany indicated that he would accept a second term as HPC Chairman, and Jeff Conquest indicated that he would also accept a second term as HPC Vice-Chair. B. Momany made a motion that Alex be renewed as Chair and Jeff be renewed as Vice Chair. Second by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Recently (10/24/2022) the subject of short-term rentals of housing (such as Airbnb and VRBO-style arrangements) was brought up by Bruce Trumpold as a result of his recent vacation spent in Arizona. Currently the ACLUD ordinances do not have a “rental definition” that would encompass this type of arrangement. Betsy has done some preliminary research into how Iowa City handles short term rentals in their city ordinances. They indicate a timeframe of 30 days or less, and they also issue Rental Permits. The other item brought up was that existing Bed and Breakfasts should be charging the Hotel/Motel tax (if they are not now) per Iowa Code. In conclusion it was agreed that future modification of the ordinances would be required so that short term rentals have some parameters determined. The Administrator indicated that he would check with Iowa County to see if he could obtain a copy of what properties in the LUD are currently charging for this tax.

vii. Administrator’s Report: No report.

VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 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.