

City of Hoopeston
Historic Preservation Commission
Sesquicentennial Celebration
Historical Sub-Committee Minutes
February 3, 2021

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm at the Little Lorraine Theatre, 216 East Main St.
- II. Roll Call – 3 members present: Chairperson Kristy Kelnhofer, Jeanette Andre', Marta Pierce. 3 guests in attendance and 1 guest by phone.
- III. Historical Events: - **Radio Show** – Tom Sweeney would like to do a live performance at the Little Lorraine. Record it and replay for residents to listen to during the celebration week. Number of people needed can range from 6 to 26. It is adaptable. Tom would like to do the live performance on Saturday, June 26th because it is Thomas Hoopes' birthday. Tom read an example of the program. Total performance can range from 1 hour to 90 minutes maximum. **Downtown Walking History Tour** – looking at this as a fundraiser. Tom Sweeney & Marilyn Tyler presented this a couple of years ago and it was very well attended. Marilyn suggested adding a couple of stops, like the Willdon Building and perhaps the old City Hall building. They will work on a time frame for this event. **Historic Church Tour** – Wednesday, June 30th, Judi Doeden. This event was brought up at the Events Subcommittee meeting on February 2nd. It was suggested to see if the Historical committee would handle it. Kristy has talked with Judi about what was needed. **History Displays** – Marilyn would like to post an old photo of a business and post a 2021 photo of the same location. Other historic displays to be placed in business windows before the celebrations. Kristy has a collection of books that involve Hoopeston History. She stated that anyone could use them for reference. Nora Gholson has contacted the Hoopeston Post Office to see if the postal cart and other items used in the beginning of the postal service can be put on display. Rita Carter will help with this. **Cemetery Tour**: Tom & Marilyn will start on this. Tom has done a cemetery presentation for DACC before so they will work off of it. Thinking April and/or June. Talked about it being a fundraiser, setting out an honor jar for people who would like to donate.
- IV. Kristy announced that volunteers would be needed for all events. Next Historical Sub-Committee meeting will be March 3rd at 6pm, Little Lorraine 216 E Main Street. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marta Pierce, Secretary