

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting Monday October 14, 2013 Council Chambers

COMMISSION MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jolene Keeney	x	
Craig Mack	x	
Dan Mizner	x	
Scott Perkins	x	
Dick Potter	x	
Curtis Roseman	x	
Barbara Sandberg	x	
Pat Burke - Staff		x

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Sandberg at 4:02 pm.

Introductions: Guest Dawn Neuses of the *Dispatch/Argus* and new Commission member Richard Potter.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Keeney suggested an amendment to the September minutes indicating that Eric Trimble might consider selling the Wilson house to a nonprofit organization after the first of next year. Commissioner Mack moved (Keeney second) acceptance of the minutes as amended. The motion passed.

Reports:

No report on the DRI & NW depot move to the WIU-QC campus, the Berglund and Industrial Home housing projects, or the Davis Building/Collector Center.

Sears Warehouse-Amtrak depot: As part of the Downtown Commercial Historic District, warehouse building qualifies for National Register historic tax credits.

Sylvan Island Bridge: Landmarks Illinois is having their engineer evaluate the Missman, Inc. report on the bridge condition and the cost of its restoration.

Flemish Festival: In spite of rain, which reduced participation, the festival was considered a success.

Moline downtown post office mural: Sandberg reported that it is property of the U. S. Government.

Old Business:

No new developments with the John Deere House and the adjacent 12th Street Wall.

The Main Street Design Committee has evaluated proposed façade changes in downtown, Uptown, Old Towne, and Avenue of Cities. Mack noted that three architects are on the committee, Craig Mack, Mike McNeil and Carm Senatra.

New I-74 Bridge: The departments of transportation are now projecting 2017 as the start of construction.

The City Hall 100th anniversary celebration, organized by the Commission, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday October 19. Plans include viewing of power point slide show depicting the history of the building, a variety of displays, refreshments, and distribution of a refrigerator magnet with a historic image of the building. Most parts of City Hall will be open for inspection. The event has been publicized and Commission members will help with set up on Friday afternoon and beginning at 12:30 on Saturday.

Other:

The City has proposed to eliminate Pat Burke's position as Economic Development Manager. Commissioner Potter moved (Roseman, second) that the Commission send a letter to the City Council and Mayor urging them to retain Burke, given his good work for the City and the importance of economic development projects. The motion passed, and Sandberg will draft a letter.

New Business:

No news on the Illinois Rehabilitation & Revitalization Tax Credit-SB336.

The 1845 Birdsell Building fire renovation is progressing.

The City and the Moline school district are sharing the cost of a consultant who will evaluate reuses for Ericsson School, which will be closed in 2014.

Announcements:

At the November 19 meeting of the Moline Preservation Society, Neil Dahlstrom will present: "How Deere & Co. Preserves its History." The program will be held at Butterworth Center, 7:00 p.m.

The next Commission meeting will be on Tuesday November 12, a day later than usual because of the November 11 Veterans Day holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.