

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COM MISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday December 9 , 2013

Commission Chair Sandberg called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Guest: Dawn Neuses of the Dispatch/Argus

Minutes of the November meeting : Approved

on a motion by Commissioner Potter (second, Commissioner Keeney)

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	
Jeff Anderson - Staff	x	

Reports:

A. DRI & NW Depot – Sandberg reported that meetings involving the City, State, and WIU have been held. It is anticipated that the move to the WIU/QC campus will take place in late 2014 or early 2015.

B. Sears Warehouse-Amtrak depot update – Anderson reported that asbestos and led paint removal is underway and the developer of the building, the Amin Group, will be applying for tax credits for the warehouse project.

C. Berglund & Industrial Home buildings – nothing new

D. Davis Building/Collector Center-nothing new

E. Sylvan Island Bridge – Sandberg recommended that the Commission not apply for “Ten Most Endangered” status for the bridge from Landmarks Illinois. She pointed out that it would be more appropriate for some other organization to do so if they choose.

F. City Comprehensive Plan – Anderson reported that the consultants’ next step in the process will be the production of alternative draft plans to be submitted for public comment in January 2014.

G. 1845 Birdsell Building, post fire rehab – work is continuing

H. Other – A historic Queen Anne house at 3319 Park 16th Street, near Prospect Park, is currently for sale. Keeney and Sandberg volunteered to encourage the owner to seek Moline Landmark status for the house and assist her in the process.

Old Business:

- A. John Deere House & 12th Street Wall – The City Engineering Department has begun the process of planning for the replacing/renovating the wall. Anderson will draft a letter to the Department, requesting that they consult the Commission on the design of the wall because it is part of a locally-landmarked property.
- B. Main Street – Anderson is now the liaison between the City and the Main Street program.
- C. **Façade Rehabilitation** – Sandberg reported that **several requests for façade** funding assistance have been received, including one from the downtown Rosenstein Building.
- D. Pending closing of Garfield (1901) and Ericsson Schools – no report
- E. Illinois Rehabilitation & Revitalization Tax Credit-SB336 – Sandberg encouraged Commissioners and others to write to their legislative representatives in support of the measure. One argument for it is the disadvantage that border communities face relative to adjacent states.
- F. Other – Keeney reported that her presentation on the City Hall 100th anniversary to the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society was as success.

New Business:

- A. The HPC Annual Report to State Historic Preservation Office will be filed by Anderson.
- B. Jeff Anderson was introduced as the new staff liaison to the Commission. Anderson, Director of Planning, has been with the City since 1996.

Announcements :

- A. Moline Preservation Society Holiday Dinner on Dec. 9th will feature a program on the history of Wharton Field House by Curtis Roseman and Diann Moore.

Adjournment: 5:02 p.m. The Next Commission meeting will be held on January 13, 2014