

**MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Monday January 13, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.**

**Council Chambers**

**Guests Introduced:**

Dawn Neuses, Craig Sommers,  
Diann Moore, Mayor Scott Raes

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Commissioner Keeney (second by Commissioner Potter), the minutes of the December 2013 meeting were approved.

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:**

**DRI & NW Depot:** Jeff Anderson reported that conversations continue on plans for the move of the historic depot to the Quad Cities campus of Western Illinois University. An agreement between the City and the State is pending and no date has yet been set for the move.

**Sears Warehouse-Amtrak depot:** Commissioner Mack and Anderson reported on a meeting with Renew Moline in which some planning details were discussed. The developer is working with the State Historic Preservation Office on possible historic tax credits. In March, more definite plans will be revealed and a meeting to discuss the plans to the Commission will be scheduled.

**Renovation of the Berglund and Industrial Home Buildings; and the 1845 Birdsell Building-post fire rehabilitation project:** Nothing new reported.

**Davis Building/Collector Center:** Commission members engaged in an extensive discussion of the proposed sale of the property by the John Deere Foundation to the City of Moline. (Commissioner Mack did not comment on any aspect of the issue related to Deere & Company because of a conflict of interest owing to his employment by the firm.) An agreement, to be voted on by the City Council on January 14 (the day after this Commission meeting), specifies that the Deere Foundation will raze the building and sell the land to the City. Because the Davis building is eligible for the National Historic Register and has a unique history in Moline, several Commission members expressed opposition to the proposed action. Because of the short (one-day) time available before the Council is scheduled to vote on the matter, Commission members will express their opinions individually to the Council before the vote and attend the meeting.

Sylvan Island Bridge: Anderson reported that the Moline Park Board should soon hear the results of their request from the Illinois Department of Transportation for a grant to replace the bridge.

City Comprehensive Plan: Anderson reported that an initial draft of the plan for the three planning areas between the bluff and the Mississippi River is scheduled to be available before the end of January. A public meeting on the draft is planned.

Other: Anderson reported that the President of the Deere Foundation proposed a meeting with the Commission on Jan 29, 30, or 31 to discuss dispersion of parts of the Davis Building after it is razed. No action was taken on this proposal because the fate of the building is yet to be decided.

### **Old Business:**

John Deere House and 12<sup>th</sup> Street Wall: Anderson reported that City Engineer Scott Hinton will provide a scope of work for repairing the wall that is sensitive to its historic character, since it is part of a City of Moline Historic Landmark site. He will consult the Commission on the matter.

Façade Rehabilitation Program: Mack reported that one downtown application is being considered.

Main Street program; pending closing of Garfield (1901) and Ericsson Schools; and the status of the Illinois Rehabilitation & Revitalization Tax Credit bill, SB336C: Nothing new to report.

### **New Business:**

The Commission's Annual Report to State Historic Preservation Office has not been submitted yet. Anderson will add Potter's resume and submit the report.

### **Announcements:**

Keeney invited Commissions and guests to the 175th anniversary celebration of First Presbyterian Church in Davenport at 11 a.m. on Sunday January 19.

**Adjournment:** 4.52 pm.

The next Commission meeting will be on February 10.