

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday September 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m

Introduction of Guests : Dawn Neuses, Diann Moore, Mayor Scott Raes

Approval of Minutes : Approved without dissent on a motion by Commissioner Potter (Commissioner Keeney second)

Reports:

DRI & NW Depot: Mayor Raes announced that the City had been in contact with WIU regarding the depot and that the Council would be discussing the depot at its September 23 meeting.

Sears Warehouse/ Amtrak depot : nothing new

Industrial Home Building: sale is yet to be closed

Davis Building site is now a City parking lot.

Sylvan Island Wagon Bridge: Jeff Anderson reported that City Engineer Scott Hinton is working with IDOT to secure a design consultant.

City Comprehensive Plan: Anderson reported that proposals for planning Phase II, which deals with all aspects of transportation below the Mississippi River bluff, will be reviewed on September 12. Commissioner Sandberg noted that the bike path near the river between 19th and about 22nd street has been rerouted in preparation for street work in the area. Ultimately the path will be articulated with the new Mississippi River bridge.

Brick Streets & Brick: The 18th Avenue brick project is complete. Sandberg sent a message to Scott Hinton thanking him for the City's completion of the project.

Skinner Block : Anderson reported that construction continues and the owners may be seeking historic tax credits, but must apply for listing on the National Register first.

Old Business:

John Deere House & 12th Street Wall: Keeney reported that workers have been painting the house. Anderson reported that the historic iron fence atop the old wall cannot be placed on the new wall, although a replication of the fence may be used instead.

Main Street: Commissioner Mack reported that Main Street Director Adam Holland will update the Council soon on the Façade Program.

Façade Rehabilitation: Sandberg reported that the Design Committee recently reviewed properties that have received funding in the Façade Program. She expressed concern about the exposed wall on the west side of the building on the northwest corner of 13th Street and 5th Avenue. Anderson added that the City may become involved. He will meet with representatives of the City and Main Street to discuss the problem.

Sandberg made a motion (Potter second) expressing the Commission's concern for the wall and support of Anderson's attempts of address the problem. The motion passed without dissent.

Pending closing of Garfield (1901) and Ericsson Schools : no report

Ray's Appliance building: no report

Inventory of Historically and Architecturally Significant Properties—continued discussion: Commissioner Roseman provided a list of additions to the list that have been proposed thus far. Discussion revolved around the criteria for additions, both residential and commercial. Commissioners are to continue surveying properties in their respective territories, and report both suggested removals and suggested additions to the list. Discussion of the list will continue at October Commission meeting.

New Business :

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	

Commissioners have noted the painting and repair of the exterior of the former Plymouth Congregational Church, but do not know what the plans are for the building. They also expressed pleasure with the restored tower of the First Lutheran Church, which is now lighted at night.

Announcements :

Roseman announced the September 13th start of the Smithsonian Home Town Teams project, headquartered at the Rock Island downtown library. In addition to local sports history displays, a number of programs on local sports history will be presented.

Diann Moore provided a schedule of upcoming programs sponsored by the Moline Preservation Society:

September 29, Monday: "He Gave the World the Steel Plow" John Deere portrayed by Rich Morthland 7pm Butterworth Center, Moline

October 21, Tuesday: Gayle Rein will speak on David B. Sears and how he helped to create, "Moline, The City of Mills." 7pm Butterworth Center, Moline

November 19, Wednesday: Neil Dahlstrom will be speaking on the 50th Anniversary of Deere & Company's World Headquarters. 7pm Butterworth Center, Moline

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be on October 13.