

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday January 12, 2015 at 4:00 p. m.

Introduction of Guest : Mayor Scott Raes

Approval of Minutes : On a motion by Commissioner Keeney (Commissioner Mizner, second) the minutes of the December, 2014, minutes were approved without dissent.

Reports:

DRI & NW Depot and Sears Warehouse/Amtrak depot: no news

Industrial Home building: Jeff Anderson reported that the sale has not closed; parking availability may be a stumbling block.

Prospect Park Pavilion and Brick Streets: no news

Sylvan Island Wagon Bridge: Commissioner Roseman had volunteered to prepare an application to request the bridge's placement on the 2015 "most endangered" list prepared by Landmarks Illinois. However, he decided not to do so because he cannot find adequate information on the early history of the bridge and because the Wilson House is a more appealing candidate.

City Comprehensive Plan: For the next planning stage, consultants names have been submitted to the City Council for its approval.

Skinner Block: Anderson toured the building and discovered that many historical elements are being retained in the conversion. At the time of his tour the third floor was nearing completion and the second floor was framed. Twelve apartments will be in the building.

Washington Square Apartments: Anderson reported that City has taken it off the market.

Wilson House: Commissioner Mack has submitted the nomination of the 2015 most endangered Historic Place list. Mack commented on the serious deterioration of bricks on the house.

Old Business:

John Deere House and access to the property: Serious access issues remain. :

John Deere House 12th Street Wall: Work on a new wall is delayed, pending resolution of legal access issues.

Main Street: no report

Façade Rehabilitation: Anderson reported two pending façade improvement applications.

Closing of Garfield (1901) and Ericsson Schools: Ericsson was sold; an auction for Garfield will be held in February. Anderson reported that some developers are interested in Garfield.

Ray's Appliance: The City Council approved a bid to raze it; Commissioner Potter has received permission from the contractor to tour the building before it is razed looking for salvageable items.

Historically & architecturally significant properties inventory: Anderson reported that, as a CLG, the Commission is obligated to periodically inventory historic structures. The survey will serve that purpose.

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	

Other:

Anderson has submitted the annual renewal for membership in the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. He is working on the CLG annual report, which has an April deadline.

New Business: none

Announcements : none

Adjournment: 5:05 pm. Next meeting February 9, 2015