

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday February 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m .

Introduction of Guests : Diann Moore, Dave Wise

Approval of Minutes : Minutes of the January meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Potter (Commissioner Keeney second).

Reports:

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	

DRI & NW Depot : Commissioner Mack reported that Peter Brubaker of Wolfe House Movers is interested in presenting a moving plan to the Commission. After discussion, the Commission agreed that such a presentation would be appropriate only after a new location for the depot is determined.

Sears Warehouse-Amtrak depot : Jeff Anderson reported that lead and asbestos abatement has been completed, Planning for the project continues and demolition/construction might start in a few weeks. Projected completion is on schedule for the end of 2016.

Industrial Home building : Conversion to residences is on hold.

Wilson House Application : Mack is seeking historic photos of the house.

Sylvan Island Bridge : no report

City Comprehensive Plan : A contract for the next phase has not yet been signed with the selected consultant.

Brick Streets & Brick : nothing new

Skinner Block : Conversion to residences continues.

Old Business:

John Deere House & 12th Street Wall : nothing new

Main Street : no report

Façade Rehabilitation Program: Mack reported that no new applications have been received.

Pending closing of Garfield (1902) and Ericsson Schools: Anderson reported that the deadline for Garfield purchase bids is in February and it is likely that the building will be proposed for residential use.

Ray's Appliance - The building was razed in January. Anderson reported that the lot will be used for parking in the short term; development with frontage on 5th Avenue in the longer run.

Survey of historically/architecturally significant buildings: Commissioner Roseman showed about fifty photographs of properties the Commission might consider adding to the current list.

Discussion focused on various styles that might qualify and on the specific attributes of a building that qualifies it as architecturally intact. Some potential historic districts were also discussed.

New Business ::

Annual CLG report: Anderson asked Commission members to submit to him descriptions of any meetings, workshops, or presentations in which they were involved in 2014 to be included in the report.

Guest Dave Wise described his initial ideas for a historic district along 4th, 5th and 6th Avenues between 23rd and 28th Streets. He is willing to conduct the initial research to document the historic character of buildings in the area. Potter moved (Keeney second) that Commission express its support for Mr. Wise's effort. The motion passed without dissent.

Adjournment: 5:35 p.m. The next commission meeting will be held on March 9, 2015