

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Monday April 13, 2015

3:30 p.m. tour of Skinner Block Loft Apartments 1524-1534 River Drive

Regular monthly meeting followed at City Hall

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests : Dawn Neuses, Dick Sandberg, Diann Moore

Approval of Minutes : On a motion by Commissioner Sandberg and second by Commissioner Mizner, the minutes of the March meeting were approved without dissent.

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 : Funding from the State of Illinois for the potential move of the depot is on hold.

Sears Warehouse /Amtrak Depot : Project plans are being reviewed by the State preservation agency.

Industrial Home Building : no news

Wilson House Application : The house was not chosen by Landmarks Illinois for their 2015 “most endangered” list, although the organization is willing to work with the Commission on saving the house.

Sylvan Island Bridge: nothing new

City Comprehensive Plan : Consultants on the transportation phase of the plan will hold a special meeting, Tuesday April 14th at City Hall. Commissioner Mack encouraged Commission members to attend.

Brick Streets & Brick : A winter blowout on 18th Avenue near 14th Street has been fixed. Brick is currently being relayed on 13th Street, between 18th and 19th Avenues.

Skinner Block Apartments : Chris Townsend conducted a tour of the property for Commission members. Sandberg reminded the Commission that preservationists were responsible for saving the historic block, which in turn led to the opportunity for housing projects such as this.

Collector Center Site : The City hired Russell Construction for a study of potential uses of the site, which is now a parking lot.

Other:

Sandberg and Dave Wise did a windshield tour of the proposed historic district east of 23th Street. Of 115 houses only seven were found to be basically intact (without siding). Wise is not likely to pursue a proposal to designate the area as a historic site.

The National Geographic Mississippi River Geotourism project is soliciting suggestions on its Website. They will conduct an outreach workshop in the Quad Cities in July 2015.

The idea of a downtown heritage tour was discussed. Mack will talk with Adam Holland of the Main Street program to gauge their interest. Commissioner Potter will check on potential use of City hotel/motel tax funds for the project. Commissioner Roseman will provide an initial map and proposal for the project.

Old Business:

John Deere House & 12th Street Wall: nothing new

Main Street : no report

Façade Rehabilitation: no report

Closing of Garfie Id (1901) and Ericsson Schools: Garfield will hold a celebration in late May to mark its last year of existence as a school.

Ray's Appliance Site: now a parking lot; awaiting future development

Moline's historically & architecturally significant buildings survey/inventory : nothing new

Other: The Chase Bank building has been sold and is likely to be converted to loft apartments.

New Business:

The 2015 Illinois Main Street Historic Preservation Conference is to be held on June 23-25 in Carbondale. Scholarships are available for a maximum of three people from our Commission. Landmarks Illinois is in the process of recognizing mid-century modern houses and is asking for suggestions.

Announcements :

April 22: The 2015 "most endangered" list will be released by Landmarks Illinois.

Apr 30, 7 p.m.: Moline Preservation Society presentation on the underground railroad by Angie Schnook, of the Geneseo Historical Museum

Adjournment : 5:45 pm.

Next meeting : May 11, 2015