

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday June 8, 2015; 4:00 P.M.

Introduction of Guests : Dawn Neuses

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

Reports:

DRI & NW Depot : no report

Sears Warehouse- “The Q”: nothing new

Industrial Home Building : Jeff Anderson reported that its sale has not yet closed.

Wilson House: “For sale” sign has been removed.

Sylvan Island Bridge: no report

City Comprehensive Plan: Anderson reported that the next public meeting has yet to be scheduled.

Brick Streets & Brick: Commissioner Perkins reported that the repair/replacement of bricks on 13th Street north of 19th Avenue has been completed.

Skinner Block Apartments: now available for rent

Collector Center Site: Commissioner Mack reinforced the need for the Commission to review, at an early stage, any construction plans for the site.

Plow City Heritage Walk : Commissioners Sandberg and Roseman, who will provide content for the tour, met with representatives of the Moline Center Main Street Commission, headed by Adam Holland. Tentative plans for the project involve four phases: 1) Sandberg and Roseman will prepare images and text for posters to be placed in existing kiosks at 15th Street/5th Avenue; 15th Street/River Drive; and 16th Street/River Drive. A City staff member will design the posters, which will announce the coming of the tour for mobile devices; 2) Holland will work with the city to determine the best way to display the material on mobile devices. A trial tour with ten to twenty stops will initially be set-up to test the system; 3) When the system is bug-free and user friendly, the tour will be expanded to dozens of stops; and 4) The Main Street and Historic Preservation Commissions will identify possible funding sources for a set of presentations on stanchions or in store windows, to allow people to view the historic images without use of movable devices. The Commission unanimously endorsed the use of the name “Plow City Heritage Walk” for the project. Keeney reported that she met with Kathy Wine of River Action, who described a similar system they have in place for stops along the Mississippi River. Anderson will follow-up with Greg Gackle who set up the River Action project. The Plow City project will draw on an existing list of Downtown Commercial Historic District contributing properties (<http://www.moline.il.us/index.aspx?NID=501>). Mack appointed Commissioners Mizner and Potter to update the text on that site.

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	

National Geographic Mississippi River Geotourism : Anderson reported that the next public meeting on the project will be on August 10.

Other: Sandberg has been contacted by Ben Nelson who, for a college class project, is writing a National Register application for the Prospect Park pavilion. The Commission endorsed the idea.

Old Business:

John Deere House & 12th Street Wall : nothing new

Main Street : The Main Street historic preservation meeting in Carbondale on June 23 through 25 will be attended by Perkins and possibly Anderson. The Main Street Thursday evening summer concert series has begun.

Façade Rehabilitation Committee: Sandberg reported that three properties were recently reviewed for funding. Among them tentative approval was given to the building on the northwest corner of 15th Street and 16th Avenue.

Garfield and Ericsson Schools: “Celebrations” were held at each school upon their closings.

Ray’s Appliance building : now a parking lot awaiting future development

Historically & Architecturally Significant Properties survey: Keeney has finished her survey and will submit a report to Roseman. Perkins will report on his survey soon.

New Business:

Washington Square Apartments: Anderson reported that some turnover has occurred, but the property is fully occupied most of the time.

Small Town-Big Deal TV Show on Moline: Mack noted that the show, hosted by Moliner Jann Carl, can be viewed online: [http://www.smalltownbigdeal.com/watch-episodes/#prettyPhoto\[iframe\]/0/](http://www.smalltownbigdeal.com/watch-episodes/#prettyPhoto[iframe]/0/)

Commission Elections will be held at the July meeting. All members expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Commission.

Announcements

Keeney announced that the Colonel Davenport House Historical Foundation will sponsor a Pioneer Days celebration on June 13th and 14th.

Adjournment : 5:25 p.m. Next meeting: July 13, 2015