

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday November 9 , 2015 , at 4:00 P.M.

Introduction of Guests : Dawn Neuses (Dispatch/Rock Island Argus); Angela Bagby (Russell Construction)

Approval of Minutes : Minutes for the October 12 regular meeting and the October 20 special meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Potter (Commissioner Perkins 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: Jeff Anderson reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation has agreed to allow salvage of valuable parts of the depot, at least up until December 15 when they hope to set a closing date for its purchase. The Commission expressed concern that mid winter would be a poor time to salvage parts of the building, leaving the building exposed to winter weather. In response to their concerns, commissioners asked Anderson to request the City Attorney to urge the State to allow salvaging in the spring. Renaissance Roofing may be interested in salvaging the tile roof. Commissioner Sandberg suggested that a review of the State's actions is required, given the status of the depot as a local landmark. Anderson reported that the State believes no such review is required since the depot will be state property.

Sears Warehouse- "The Q": Work continues on the depot/hotel project.

Industrial Home building : nothing new

Wilson House : The property is still on the market.

Sylvan Island Bridge : Target date for the replacement is still 2017.

Prospect Park Pavilion : Anderson reported that funds have been included in the 2016 City preliminary budget for repairs and restoration of the historic structure.

City Comprehensive Plan: A public meeting on the transportation part of the plan was held on Thursday November 5. Potter spoke in favor of the plans for eliminating the one-way streets through the Floreciente neighborhood. Sandberg expressed hope that the plan will provide better access to the riverfront from downtown and Floreciente, allowing citizens and visitors to learn about and utilize attractions along the river.

Brick Streets & Bricks: nothing new

Collector Center Site : nothing new

Downtown Heritage Tour : Commissioners Roseman and Sandberg showed near-final drafts of the three large posters to be placed on kiosks in the downtown area. They have provided City GIS Administrator Todd Green with photos and text for twelve additional sites to be added to the sixteen that are currently displayed on the electronic version of the tour. A few final details have to be worked out before the tour will be fully operational and ready for introduction to the public.

National Geographic Mississippi River Geotourism : nothing new

Chase Bank Building Redevelopment: Angela Bagby of Russell Construction reported that the specific nature of the development of the building at 5th Avenue and 15th Street has yet to be decided. However, the company does want to keep the exterior and several historic features of the interior, including the ornate bank lobby, as close to original as possible. The company is discussing possible names for the development.

Old Business:

John Deere House & 12th Street Wall: Anderson reported that the retaining wall work has been approved by the City and construction should begin after the first of the year.

Main Street/Façade Rehabilitation : Commissioner Mack noted that this year's **façade** program budget has been spent and next year's budget should include about the same amount. Anderson added that the Main Street program will sponsor holiday events/projects over next few weeks, and the 2016 summer concert series will be extended to include the weeks from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Garfield School: Developer Gorman Company is resubmitting an application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for support of their proposed housing development.

Ray's Appliance site: Anderson noted that an RFP to enlist a project developer should be released in 2016. Commissioner Sandberg reminded the Commission that any construction on the site should be sympathetic in design to surrounding buildings.

Moline's historically & architecturally survey/ inventory: Commissioner Sandberg reported that the Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission has hired the Lakota Group to conduct a survey of historical properties in their city. The company will survey the entire city to identify properties and buildings deserving of preservation. The survey will provide important background for adaptive reuse and historic preservation opportunities, and will promote a preservation ethic by educating people about the advantages of preservation. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) is supporting the project. The Moline Commission might apply for a grant from IHPA next fall for a similar survey, using the Commission's partially-completed list of historic properties in Moline as a starting point.

New Business : The Northern Illinois Historic League is compiling a directory of preservation commissions (<http://www.ni-hl.org/>). Our commission is not yet listed.

Announcements: Commissioner Roseman will be giving an illustrated presentation on Thursday November 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Bettendorf Library: "Historic entertainment and sports venues of the Quad Cities."

Adjournment : 5:04 pm---- Next meeting December 14, 2015