

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes June 11, 2018

Commission Member	Present	Absent
Frank Ege	x	
Craig Mack	X	
Dan Mizner	x	
Scott Perkins		x
Dick Potter		x
Barb Sandberg	x	
Carm Senatra	x	
Jeff Anderson - Staff		x

Monday, June 11, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. Committee of the Whole

Introduction of Guest: Jolene Keeney

Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2018: A minor correction (typo) was made to the May 21, 2018 minutes before they were moved for approval by Commissioner Mizner and seconded by Commissioner Mack followed by unanimous Commission approval.

Reports:

- **Sears Warehouse – “The Q”:** Commissioner Mack reported that the Element Hotel by Westin is up and operating and awaiting the arrival of future train service. Space has been leased for a future shop and leasing negotiations are in progress for a future restaurant.
- **Wilson House:** Renovation work continues at a slow pace.
- **Prospect Park Pavilion – update:** Commissioner Mack reported that the major renovation work is completed with interior painting and installation of toilet fixtures remaining. The “Picnic for Prospect” fund raiser to help fund the exterior painting of the pavilion, the replacement of the fishing pier and new playground equipment raised approximately \$3000.00. Additional 2018 fund raising efforts include:
 - WQAD “Go Fund Me” promotion on June 27th from, 6:00 AM. to 7:00 PM.
 - Prospect Park through Time Event October 6th.
 - Music Guilds “Grand Night for Singing – Rogers and Hammerstein” October 6th and 7th.
- **Collector Center site – update:** Commissioner Mack reported that Heart of America is preparing conceptual architectural drawings to present to the city in the near future. Commissioner Mack reported that Kirk Whalen is aware of the architectural items salvaged from the Collector Center Building. Hopefully the salvaged items can be incorporate into the design/planning for this project.
- **Downtown Heritage tour – update:** Commissioner Ege will check on the distribution of the visitor cards to local hotels/motels and other visitor sites.

- **Spiegel Building:** Commissioner Mack reported that he is on the DBMT formed for this project. The City has received two proposals for the purchase and renovation of the Spiegel Building. Proposals were received from the Heart of America Group and from Keller Williams Realty. The city has requested additional information from Keller Williams Realty. The scheduling of renovation work for this project could become a potential concern for developers because of the proximity of the Spiegel Building to the ongoing construction work for the I 74 Bridge.
- **Fifth Avenue Building:** A tour of the Fifth Avenue Building and the adjacent Sears Building was hosted by Mr. Kirk Whalen VP of the Heart of America Group on June 5, 2018. Commission members Sandberg, Mack, Potter, Mizner and Ege together with Mayor Acri, members of the City Council and Board Members of the Moline Preservation Society attended as a group. Interior demolition has progressed substantially since a previous tour in June of 2017. Of particular note were the original corridor doors left standing in place with door knobs removed. The doors will become a part of the new construction as an historical detail.
- **Carnegie Building:** Commissioner Sandberg suggested that the present owner of the building be made aware of the new “Statewide Historic Preservation Tax Credit” as an incentive for moving forward with redevelopment of the building. Commissioner Sandberg also suggested that thank you notes be sent to local members of the General Assembly in appreciation for the passing of the bill.
- **Recognizing David Sears:** None
- **Vacated Riverfront Property Redevelopment – I 74 Realignment Zone Plan - Depot Clock – Riverfront History Display:** The commission had a brief discussion regarding the I 74 Realignment Zone Plan and the inclusion of the depot clock and the riverfront history display. Commissioner Mack reported that concept design is currently on hold until the architects receive definitive program (planning) criteria from all parties involved. It is hoped that the HPC will be included as a participant in that planning.
- **Other:** None

Old Business:

- **John Deere House:** Jolene Keeney related that a driveway and parking area for eight cars has been paved with asphalt. Also, it appears that there is work being done on the interior of the former Deere Granddaughter’s house which is being converted into five apartments.
- **Main Street/Façade Rehabilitation:** Commissioner Sandberg reported that there is a Façade Improvement Program Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 14, at 3:00 PM. Two proposed projects are on the agenda for consideration. Of particular interest to the HPC may be the project located at 2326 1^{6th} Street, (The old Hasty Tasty Restaurant). The applicant intends to cover the existing brick façade with contemporary materials.
- **Garfield School:** Commissioner Sandberg reported that construction of the new addition is progressing.
- **Redevelopment of Ray’s Appliance Property:** None
- **List of Moline’s historically and architecturally buildings – survey/inventory:** None

- **Other:** Former Skelly Gas Station located at 820 5th Avenue - Commissioner Mizner reported that the local Habitat group continues to assist the owner with advice regarding a scope of work for the restoration of this building and its unique architectural detailing/character.

New Business:

- **Other:** None

Adjournment: Next meeting July 9, 2018

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