

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes – March 9, 2020

	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	

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Location: City Hall - Second Floor Committee of the Whole Room

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandberg at approximately 4:00 P.M.

Introduction of Guests – Jan Stoffer and Mark Hunter Stoffer, Brad Hauman (City Neighborhood Improvement Officer)

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2020 – Motion by Mizner, seconded by Perkins. Motion carried.

The Commission acknowledged that they would modify the order of the agenda and move to the “Reports” section of the Agenda first. Updates on the reports were as follows:

Reports: (discuss only if there is new information)

- Proposed Riverfront redevelopment: Depot Clock, Sears recognition – Jeff Anderson gave a brief update on the revised dates for the upcoming Urban Land Institute (ULI) visit regarding the I-74 Realignment Zone.
- **Main Street & Commercial Façade Improvement program** – The Commission members discussed the request from Clindt’s Pizza to assist with a proposed building addition and that a building addition does not qualify for assistance per program guidelines. Mr. Mizner provided an update on the owner of the former First Covenant Church possibly being interested in requesting assistance from the Façade Program. Mr. Mizner said that he would reach out to the property owner and see if it would be possible to view the inside of the building. Mr. Mizner said that he has reached out to the current church congregation in their present location on 41st Street to see if they have any archival photos of the original building (which experienced the fire) that could be used to help guide renovation. Mr. Anderson was asked if the building is located in the Enterprise Zone. The church is located within the new Enterprise Zone.
- Downtown Heritage Tour Web site and promotional materials – Mr. Ege stated that Heritage Tour information has been set out as previously discussed.
- Mural and Public Art guidelines for Moline Centre – Ms. Sandberg reviewed the upcoming Public Art Walk event that Renew Moline will be facilitating as part of the Public Art Master

Plan project. As an example of interesting public art, Ms. Sandberg shared information on a kaleidoscope art installation that she encountered in Venice, Florida. As another example of public art, Ms. Sandberg stated that there are two new large murals in the B Concourse of the QC International Airport. Discussion on the public art project ensued and concluded with Mr. Senatra stating for the purposes of Moline Centre, there are some buildings in the Downtown Historic District that should be precluded from being available for mural installations.

- Quad Cities Preservation Consortium – Ms. Sandberg stated that the Preservation Consortium has taken the month off.
- Spiegel Building - Mr. Anderson indicated that there continues to be developer interest in the property.
- Carnegie Library Building – For Sale – No update provided.
- Leedy Building Fire - Mr. Mizner indicated that it was his understanding that the building’s stairwell was still being evaluated in regards to fire damage and future renovation needs.
- First Covenant Church Fire – please refer to the above “Main Street” report item.
- Prospect Park Pavilion -- Painting scheduled for spring 2020 – No update on the Pavilion.
- Rock Island County Court House – The Commission discussed that litigation is ongoing, but there was news that the building is possibly being looked at for federal court use.
- Old Post Office – River Drive/3rd Ave. – For Sale – Mr. Mizner reported that the recent smoke and fire incident was related to heat tape in the building’s gutters.
- John Deere House – Mr. Hauman reported that the house has been secured. The Commission discussed the recently adopted Abandoned Building Ordinance as a tool for dealing with vacant properties.
- Redevelopment of the Collector Center site—Salvage and storage of loading dock iron pillars – Ms. Sandberg reported that Mr. Potter had reached out to the Millers regarding the salvaged building materials, but Mr. Potter’s calls were not returned. Mr. Senatra noted that it would be beneficial to have photos of the salvaged materials to assist with marketing.
- Redevelopment of Ray’s Appliance site – No update provided.
- Other – No items discussed under “Other.”

New Business:

- Code Suggestion for Building Demolition – Mr. Senatra provided information from the City’s Historic Preservation Ordinance that could serve as an outline for a draft amendment pertaining to the demolition of buildings over 50 years old. Mr. Senatra mentioned that he was surprised to see that the Building Code’s demolition section did not cross-reference the Historic Preservation Ordinance in regards to Certificate of Appropriateness requirements and that such a cross-reference should be added to the Codes. Ms. Sandberg appointed Mr. Senatra as the head of a subcommittee to address drafting an amendment pertaining to demolition of buildings in excess of 50 years old.
- Rt. 92 Corridor Study – Rock Island to Silvis – Survey – Mr. Anderson reported that the project’s third and final report had been completed.
- Other: Mr. Ege suggested that the plaque recognizing the efforts of those who fought the 1965 Flood, which is located on the wall at the river’s edge under the existing I-74 bridge, could be moved to a more visible location where it could be better appreciated.

Old Business:

- List of Moline’s historically and architecturally significant buildings –survey/inventory – No update provided.

- Long term storage and preservation of architectural drawings by local architects of note - no report – No update provided.
- Other – No additional items were discussed under “Other.”

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Anderson, AICP
Secretary Pro Tem – City Planner