

**MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES – June 8, 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	

**Location:**

The June 8, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held remotely. Members of the public were able to participate in three ways:

1. Join the meeting by audio by dialing the phone number for your area shown below. The meeting ID required is also listed below.
2. Join the meeting by video, by using the web link listed.
3. The agenda noted that emails with comments could be sent to [sandb321@yahoo.com](mailto:sandb321@yahoo.com). It was further noted that mailed comments would be read during public comments. Deadlines to submit comments were set at June 8, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

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**Time:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Introduction of Guests** – Jolene Keeney was introduced as a guest.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2020** – A motion was made by Mr. Mizner to approve the March 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes subject to the Minutes being corrected in regards to the spelling of “Clint’s” Pizza noting that there is no “d” in the name. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ege and the Minutes were approved.

## **New Business:**

- **Code suggestion: HPC review buildings over 50 years prior to issuing a demolition permit –**  
Mr. Senatra stated that he sent out a revised draft and requested that the Commission offer any changes that may be appropriate. No changes were offered by the Commission members present. Mr. Senatra stated that he will send a copy to Joe Kuhlenbeck (City Building Official) for review then the Commission could vote on the proposed Ordinance amendments at next month's meeting.
- **Rt. 92 Corridor Study – Rock Island to Silvis – Survey –** Mr. Anderson stated that the study was complete but awaiting recommendation from Bi-State on how to approve or adopt the study/plan. Mr. Anderson will contact Bi-State for direction.
- **Former O'Rourke Building at 1202 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. New Owners –** Mr. Anderson reported that one of the commercial spaces is being investigated for use by a new business and that the sky bridge, which will connect The Q Multimodal Station site on the south side of the railroad tracks with Centre Station to the north, is now under construction.
- **McKinley School Fire & potential sale –** Mr. Anderson gave an update on Ms. Elias' (Renew Moline) discussions with the owner of the former school property. Ms. Sandberg asked the HPC if they thought landmarking the property would be a good idea as a means to assist with redevelopment. The Commission engaged in discussion on a previous development proposal from approximately 30 years ago and neighbor concerns related to the proposed development. Ms. Sandberg suggested working with Ms. Elias to advance the cause of promoting a redevelopment option for the property. Mr. Mack offered to assist with such efforts.
- **Manual Arts Building potential sale –** It was acknowledged that the owner of the former school building discussed in the preceding item also owns the former Manuel Art building located on the bluff near Allendale and Hillside Heights apartment building. Mr. Mack suggested packaging the two buildings (McKinley and Manuel Arts) together in terms of the HPC's interest in advocating for redevelopment of the properties as mentioned above in the preceding item.
- **Election of HPC Officers 2020-2021 –** Ms. Sandberg acknowledged her communication with the City Clerk's office regarding appointments as well as Mr. Potter's conversation with legal counsel regarding whether there was a need for re-appointments and the response that the existing appointments could continue in effect. Given that the roster of HPC members is understood to be current and valid, Ms. Sandberg requested nominations for a new slate of officers. Mr. Mizner said he was willing to continue to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Ege said he would be willing to be considered for Chair. Mr. Mack offered to serve as Secretary. Ms. Sandberg announced the slate (Mr. Ege – Chair, Mr. Mizner – Vice Chair, and Mr. Mack – Secretary) and asked for any other nominations. Being no further nominations, Ms. Sandberg requested a motion. Mr. Mack motioned to approve slate as presented. Mr. Mizner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Other:** Ms. Sandberg stated that she provided letters of support to Renew Moline for a Driehaus Preservation Award nomination that Ms. Elias was drafting for submission.

Ms. Sandberg indicated that the Garfield School Apartments and Axis hotel were the subjects of the Driehaus Award nomination.

#### **Old Business:**

- **List of Moline's historically and architecturally significant buildings –survey/inventory** – Mr. Mizner reported that he has been working on the survey to account for modifications that have been made to existing structures.
- **Inventory of salvaged architectural materials** – No report or update was provided for this item.
- **Other** – see above "Other" regarding Driehaus Preservation Award nomination.

#### **Reports:** (To be discussed only if there is new information)

- **Proposed Riverfront redevelopment: Depot Clock, Sears recognition** – Mr. Ege gave an update on a recent Downtown/Riverfront development walk provided by Ms. Elias of Renew Moline. Mr. Ege also mentioned that there are sculptures being considered for location in the downtown area as well as artwork for the Spiegel building windows, and a mural for the La Primavera courtyard on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Mack gave the HPC some background on QC Arts involvement in the aforementioned projects and offered to reach out to QC Arts to share the HPC's suggestion(s) for mural themes. Ms. Sandberg also mentioned that there is a PMT meeting tomorrow and interested parties can call in and participate in the riverfront development discussion which will be on the PMT agenda.
- **Main Street & Commercial Façade Improvement program** – Representatives from the Façade Committee indicated that there are no new applications currently under review.
- **Downtown Heritage Tour Web site and promotional materials** – Ms. Sandberg stated that she is waiting to get into two churches to take photos for future updates to the Tour site.
- **Mural and Public Art guidelines for Moline Centre** – Mr. Anderson reported that Renew Moline's Public Art Plan project is on hold given COVID-related meeting and assembly restrictions.
- **Quad Cities Preservation Consortium** – No report was provided.
- **Spiegel Building Redevelopment** – No report was provided.
- **Carnegie Library Building** – No report was provided.
- **Old Post Office River Drive** – No report was provided.
- **Leedy Building Fire** – It was reported that building permits were yet to be pulled and renovation had not yet begun; however due diligence related to insurance claims was underway.
- **First Covenant Church Fire** – No report was provided.
- **Prospect Park Pavilion** – No report was provided.
- **Rock Island County Court House** – No report was provided.
- **John Deere House** – Ms. Keeney reported that no progress had been made at the property. Ms. Sandberg noted that the yard is in need of maintenance.
- **Redevelopment of the Collector Center site** – No report was provided.

- **Redevelopment of Ray's Appliance site** – No update on redevelopment activity was provided, but Ms. Sandberg noted that the exterior opening (doorway) work on the west wall of the Sundeen building adjacent to the former Ray's Appliance building site appears to have been completed.
- **Long term storage and preservation of architectural drawings by local architects of note** – No report was provided.
- **Other** – No "Other" items were discussed.

**Announcements:** It was announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be held July 13, 2020.

**Adjournment:** *Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Anderson, AICP, City Planner, Recording Secretary Pro Tem