

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
City of Moline

Minutes: August 13, 2012 4:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Present Commission Members: Commissioner Barb Sandberg
 Commissioner Craig Mack
 Commissioner Dan Mizner
 Commissioner Jolene Keeney
 Commissioner Tom Bracke
 Commissioner Scott Perkins
 Commissioner Curt Roseman
 Staff: Patrick Burke

Absent Commission Members: None

Guests: Rebecca Gall

Commissioner Sandberg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June meeting will be at the next meeting. A motion for approval of the July minutes was made by Commissioner Bracke and a second by Commissioner Mack. Motion carried.

Old Business:

DRI & NW Depot – Moving Cost Estimate: Commissioner Sandberg went over the cost estimates for the Cities portion and it has come down significantly. This is in part due to an agreement to repair the windows versus replacing them. This is a substantial savings. Also the electrical part came in at a lower cost than previously expected. We have heard from Goodwin movers has made a proposal at between \$500,000 and \$600,000. They also suggested that the building be placed on a full basement foundation. The building will be turned around 180 degrees to place it in relationship to the tracks. The movers stated that the best time to move it is when the ground is frozen and they suggested that the foundation be installed this fall although funding may not be in place by then.

Sears Warehouse - Amtrak Depot Update: Pat reported that the environmental study has begun. IHPA and the construction company are working on plans.

Phillips Lofts: Windows have been installed. They are a white vinyl and they do look out of place.

Belgian Bluff: Rebecca did a presentation at Council at the beginning of August and let them know that the State had turned down the National Register request for the District. Rebecca also reported that she is formulating a plan to create a conservation district for the area.

Skinner Block & Skinner Annex-update: Pat has not heard anything.

Other Historic Moline Center Buildings: Nothing

Reports:

John Deere House: Commissioner Keeney reported that installation of the copper on the roof of the north

porch is continuing.

Main Street: The summer concert series ends this week.

Historic Properties Tax Rebate: Commissioner Bracke will be presenting the Historic Properties Tax rebate program to the City council on September 4, 2012. Pat reported that some additional changes were made to make the document read better. Another change was the inclusion of an inspection at the conclusion of the project by either staff or commission. Also all the references to restoration were changed to rehabilitation.

Brick Street Survey: Nothing

Mural Brochure: This has been completed.

Damage to City of Mills Mural: Commissioner Sandberg reported that Bill is going to repair the mural as soon as the weather breaks. River House has been alerted to not lean tables against the wall.

NAPC Forum at Norfolk VA. – Pat Burke & Craig Mack: Commissioner Mack reported that the meetings were very good. The area is big ship building community. He also reported that there were many walking tour opportunities. He also brought back several brochures for tax credits.

Other: Nothing

New Business:

John Deere Commons – Potential Historic District: The new owners of the Skinner Block have inquired about tax credits. Commissioner Sandberg stated that a previous vote to explore the possibility of nominating the area between 15th Street and 19th Street on River Drive for National Register status was done in error since it wasn't on an agenda. To correct this, a new motion by Commissioner Mizner and a second by Commissioner Keeney was made to explore the aforementioned area for a potential National Register Designation. Motion carried.

City Hall Celebrates 100 Years-1913-2013: Commissioner Sandberg has photos of City Hall prior to the removal of architectural elements on the front.

Other: Nothing

Announcements:

Reminder: Open Meetings Act- Mandatory Electronic Training – Due Jan. 1, 2013

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Dan Mizner