

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes– November 2, 2020

Moline City Hall in the Committee of the Whole

The meeting was held at the Moline City Hall in the Committee of the Whole with all participants keeping social distancing and wearing face mask. The meeting started at 4 PM.

	Present	Absent
Jeff Dismer	X	
Frank Ege	X	
Craig Mack	X	
Dan Mizner		X
Scott Perkins	X	
Dick Potter	X	
Barb Sandberg	X	
Chris Mathias - Staff	X	

Introduction of Guests – No Guests.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2020 – A motion by Commissioner Potter and seconded by Commissioner Mack to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

New Business:

- **Code revision suggestions by HPC to review buildings over 50 years prior to issuing a demolition permit:** Commissioner Potter stated that at the October 27, 2020 City Council meeting the code revision was tabled. This will give time for the Commission to come up with a list of the significant historic structures that are over 50 years old, that should be reviewed before a demolition permit is granted. The Commission will continue to work on the list, so the code revision can be resubmitted to the City Council. The ordinance as amended will sunset in six months.
- **List of Moline’s historically and architecturally significant buildings inventory:** Commissioner Sandberg brought in the maps and data reports that Past Commissioner Roseman created in 2014. This information was gathered from various studies by the Commission over the past 20 years. Copies of the maps and the reports were given to each Commissioner for their review and updating. Commissioners should drive around and

review the list of significant 50 year old structures and verify that the structures should remain on the list and also add new structures that may have been forgotten in the past. Some of the structures on the lists are past winners of Preservation Awards from the Preservation Society. The Commission may want to work with Todd Green on updating the maps and possibility asked Curt Roseman to help finish out this project.

- **Application for Land Marking Prospect Park Pavilion:** Commissioner Sandberg has been in communication with Michael Carton about his Nomination for Historical Landmarking of the Prospect Park Pavilion. Michael is all in favor of landmarking the structure but at the present time he is too busy to update the application. Commissioner Sandberg volunteered her time to do the update for Michael. Michael will then submit the document to the Commission and once again start the Landmarking process. Commissioner Sandberg has been in contact with Eric Griffith, Parks Recreation Director and Parks Operation Manager Greg Johnson and will update the application with information about the restoration. Greg said that a lot of the work was done by City employees under the direction of Scott Hinton.
- **Light poles outside of City Hall:** Mayor Acri has asked the Commission to look into the possible cost to repair and replace the missing light pole outside of City Hall. The Mayor would like to have a number by the end of November, so that it can be included in the 2021 budget. Commissioners asked Chris Mathias to see if he can find the missing pieces to the light fixture, so that the damage can be assessed. After the meeting it was determined that the light post appeared to be made of copper and it looks like the electrical conduit that ran from the base to the light fixture created a chemical reaction which corroded the conduit and weaken the light fixture support. Commissioner Ege took the base cap from the south light pole to make a final determination on what is the metal material of the light pole.

Old Business:

- **Storage of drawings from Dennis Kelly's office.** All drawings have been deliver to Rock Island County Historical Society and are currently being divided between geographic areas. The Davenport Library has agreed to store the drawings for Davenport.
- **Inventory of salvaged architectural materials.** - Items still being stored.

Reports:

- **Proposed Riverfront redevelopment:** No report
- **Main Street and Facade Improvement Program:** The committee revised an application for the exterior facade improvements for the former Olson Auto Service building at 630-16th Street and approved a \$20,000 facade improvement forgivable loan. Work should be completed at the end of the year. The new occupant of the building is North Brady Imports. The Committee also approved funding for facade painting for Wright Cycles LLC a new bicycle shop at 2018 - 16th Street.
- **Downtown Heritage Tour** - No report.
- **Mural and Public Art:** Several Commissioners attended the virtual Public art walk and talked, sponsored by Renew Moline. Everyone felt it was a good presentation. After the presentation, Commissioner Sandberg sent to Amanda Golden of Designing Local Ltd. the

drawings and the pictures of the Depot clock, that is currently being stored. It is hoped that this clock might be incorporated in some future art for Moline.

- **Quad Cities Preservation Consortium:** The Rock Island Courthouse is still the major concern for preservationists in our area. A meeting of this group is currently scheduled.
- **Spiegel Building Redevelopment:** The artwork of Brandon Ness has been installed on the south elevation of the building.
- **Carnegie Library** No report.
- **Old Post Office on River Drive:** No report.
- **Leedy Building Fire** - No report.
- **First Covenant Church Fire** - No report.
- **The Rock Island Courthouse** - No report.
- **John Deere House** - No report.
- **Redevelopment of the Collector Center site** - No report.
- **Redevelopment of Ray's Appliance site** - No report.
- **McKinley School and the Manual Arts Building** - Alex Elias from Renew Moline has toured the building with a developer.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

Next Meeting: Monday December 14, 2020 at 4 PM

Respectively Submitted
Craig S Mack

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