

# MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes– February 8, 2021

### Virtual Ring Central Meeting

The meeting was held virtual through Ring Central Meeting Web site per the disaster declaration issued by Governor Pritzker related to COVID 19 public health concerns affecting the State and City. 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** – Jolene Keeney and Alex Elias (Renew Moline)

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – January 11, 2021 – A motion by Commissioner Potter and seconded by Commissioner Dismer to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **New Business:**

- **Code revision suggestions by HPC to review buildings over 50 years prior to issuing a demolition permit:** Commissioner Potter talked with the City Council and the buildings currently in the downtown historic district can be counted as one entity. Therefore the Commission will put together a list of 49 additional historic structures so that the code revision can be resubmitted to the City Council in the future.
- **Application for Landmarking Prospect Park Pavilion:** The first reading of the Landmark Application was presented to the City Council and the second and final reading will be on Tuesday, February 9. There were no objections by the City Council after the first reading, so the second reading should be approved. The Commission will work with the Park Board on determining the location of the landmarking plaque and possible public and press coverage.

- **Light poles outside of City Hall:** Commissioner Ege continues researching the light posts in front of City Hall. He just recently met with Tully Legacy Company about reproducing the existing City of Moline Lamp Post in aluminum. This is a local company that has worked with most of the surrounding cities on similar projects. The commission agreed that we should pursue working with Tully, a local company and get prices to replicate the existing light pole with only one City logo on the front face. The aluminum pole should be finished a dark bronze or antique bronze finish. Once the prices for the poles and the installation is supplied by the supplier, this information should be given to staff, so it can be presented to City Council.
- **City of Moline history of the City of Moline website:** It was noticed, by several City members that the history of the City of Moline was not on the City's website or it is just hard to find. Commissioner Sandberg will be working with Todd Green and City staff on getting the city's history on the website so that it is easily found.

## Old Business:

- **List of Moline's historically and architecturally significant buildings inventory:** Commissioner should continue working on the list of 50 year old plus building in Moline. The existing list need to be kept updated with the current address and not just by names
- **Inventory of salvaged architectural materials.** - Jolene mentioned that the 2 pieces of the wrought iron railing from the John Deere House is buried in the snow. In the Spring these sections of fence should be stored with the other architectural items.

## Reports:

- **Proposed Riverfront redevelopment:** Commissioner Sandberg spoke about Barb Ickes article in the February 6, 2021 Dispatch titled "Plan for old bridge is 'cool idea' but...". The plan of a Veteran's Memorial Pier is a concept using part of the old I74 bridge as a park area. The concept was done by a local graphic designer Larry McDonald. The DBMT will be meeting on Tuesday, February 9th to discuss the Riverfront Development and drawings of the Spiegel Building redevelopment.
- **Main Street and Facade Improvement Program:** Next meeting will be this Thursday. No new applicants. Julie Artist Rose Building has been sold and the developer wants to return the facade back to the original. No application has been file yet.
- **Downtown Heritage Tour** - Commissioner Sandberg has added to #17 the previous Deere & Company Headquarters Building.
- **Mural and Public Art:** - On February 16, the Renew Moline Public Art Committee will meet with Amanda Golden (Designing Local) and talk about the Public Art Master Plan. The plan is based on public comments from the Public Art Walk and Talk meetings in October 2020.
- **Quad Cities Preservation Consortium:** No Report.
- **Spiegel Building Redevelopment:** Chris Mathias from the City and Alex Elias from Renew Moline, would like the first floor of the Spiegel building to be more public space since it located on the bicycle path and one of the first buildings you see when you arrive in Moline

off the new I-74 bridge ramp on River Drive. Studio 483 Architects did preliminary drawings showing these new concepts of the building.

- **Carnegie Library:** There is a person that is interested in this building, but no offers have been made
- **Old Post Office on River Drive:** No report.
- **Leedy Building Fire** - No report, but work is being done on the building.
- **The Rock Island Courthouse** - Joe Lemon wants to get the Illinois Federal courts that are presently in Iowa back to Illinois and into the old Courthouse. He has a proposal on repurposing this structure for future use but the building is not owned by him. There have been several other proposals for the building but once again that all depends on the ownership of the building. Commissioner Sandberg and others have been writing letters to the Rock Island County Board and others, to keep this project moving and turn the building over to a developer.
- **John Deere House** - No report.
- **Redevelopment of the Collector Center site** - Commissioner Potter asked Alex if this site could be included with the I 74 redevelopment.
- **Redevelopment of Ray's Appliance site** - No report.
- **McKinley School and the Manual Arts Building** - Alex from Renew Moline has toured the McKinley School with Brad Hauman, the owner and some developers. The school has a lot of water damage from the leaky roof (which has been repaired) and from recent fires. The metal windows are not structurally sound and need to be replaced. Gorman looked at the building and site, but feels the location will not meet their performa. The building is on a hill and additional space can not be added to the existing building. The existing ball field is now overground with trees and is too far from the existing school to make their project work.
- **Ball Residence 1235 11th Avenue, Moline** - Jolene reported that the son of Bobby Jo Irish has made an offer on the house, but they are still negotiating.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM (Motion by Commissioner Mizner and seconded by Commissioner Potter)

**Next Meeting:** Monday March 8, 2021 at 4 PM

Respectively Submitted  
Craig S Mack

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