

# MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes– December 13, 2021 at 4 PM (Revised 28 Dec 2021)

Moline City Hall in the Committee of the Whole

	Present	Absent
Jeff Dismer	X *	
Frank Ege	X	
Craig Mack	X	
Dan Mizner	X	
Dick Potter	X	
Barb Sandberg	X	
Brandon Tidwell	X	
Sean Foley - Staff	X	

\* By Ring Video

## Introduction of Guests – Diann Moore

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – November 8, 2021 – A motion by Commissioner Potter and seconded by Commissioner Sandberg 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:** The Commission will re-introduce the original ordinance next year to the City Council.
- **Historic Depot Clock** - Commissioner Sandberg and Diann Moore met with the Mayor before this meeting on the proposed location of the Depot Clock structure. The Mayor felt that placing the clock at the directory sign location would interfere with the site line for the Element and the depot. Commissioner Sandberg and Diann suggested that they would like to revisit locating the clock tower monument east of the existing stair tower. The Mayor suggested we consider placing it near the new I-74 bridge exit. Mike McNeil will redo the rendering of the clock structure and show it in front of the stair tower. Commissioner Sandberg and Diann will meet on December 14 at 4 PM with the Public Art Commission to get the Commission’s thoughts as to the placement on the grounds of the Element and the Q depot.

- **Light poles outside of City Hall:** Everyone is very happy with the new light poles that were built by Tully Legacy Company. The Rock Island Historical Society has the original light pole and it will be installed in the Spring. This project is completed.
- **Moline Historic plaques** - The commission would like to purchase 4 Moline Historic plaques. There is some money in our budget, but additional funds are needed. Staff will check if additional funds are available and get 4 plaques ordered. The Commission is still getting quotes for these plaques.
- **Caxton Block Building** - No report.
- **City of Mills mural restoration** - Commissioner Sandberg gave an updated on the funds to repair the mural. There is \$435.66 remaining in the fund. For future repairs additional funds need to be raised. Most of the repairs are due to the old brick. It was suggested that instead of doing repairs, the Commission should take an updated photo of the mural, measure the size and go out and get a quote for a canvas mural. Commissioner Tidwell will contact Edward Graphics in Milan, Illinois to get a quote on making a life size reproduction of the mural.
- **Heritage Church site (sand bagging plaque)** - It was suggested that a letter to the editor should be written this Spring to save this plaque and find a location where it can be installed.
- **Possible landmarking of the Skelly Station on 820 5th Ave** - This project is on hold til Spring.
- **4th Avenue Fire Station** - The replacement of the roof has been completed.
- **Certified local government grant to hire an outside firm to do a comprehensive Historic Survey of Moline structures** - The commission discuss applying for a grant in 2022 for a portion of Moline. The last study was done about 1987 by Augustana. In the Spring the Commission should request funds from the City Council for this 70/30 grant. Sean Foley passed out a list of consultants in the midwest that could work with us on this project. It was suggested that we might start on the 7th Street area of Moline. Several years ago, Rebecca Gall Fenwick did a study of that area. She currently works for Ethos Preservation in Savannah Georgia. Diann Moore or Commissioner Potter will contact her. A presentation to the City Council will be made in the Spring for this CLG grant.
- **Sale of Gordon Memorial Church 1330 26th Street Moline** - The building continues to deteriorate, but no one knows who the actual owner is of the property. There is an investor interested in purchasing the property
- **Reliance Building** - The building has been sold to new investors.
- **3rd Ave Fire Station** - Brad Hauman is contacting the owner of this building about the buildings deterioration.

## 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. After the meeting, Commissioner Mizner passed an updated list of properties.
- **Inventory of salvaged architectural materials.** - No report, but the Mayor was interested about the cornice that has been saved from the John Deere Collector site. Maybe it can be used in the redevelopment of the I-74 redevelopment site.

- **Heart of America Building** - An Amish furniture store is moving into the suite that Isabel Bloom use to occupy.

## Reports:

- **Proposed Riverfront redevelopment:** No report.
- **David B. Sears recognition** - On Going
- **Main Street and Facade Improvement Program:** No new projects this month. Dates were extended on two projects due to winter weather.
- **Downtown Heritage Tour** - No report.
- **Quad Cities Preservation Consortium:** A video is being made for realtors to educate them on the importance of selling historic homes or homes in a historic district.
- **Spiegel Building Redevelopment:** No report
- **Carnegie Library:** No report
- **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** - No report.
- **John Deere House** - Pete Mc Dermott contacted Chris Baker (owner of the John Deere House) about what his plans were for the house. Chris plans to move into the house someday.
- **Redevelopment of the Collector Center site** - No report.
- **Redevelopment of Ray's Appliance site** - No report.
- **McKinley School and the Manual Arts Building** - The owner of the property is currently meeting with the city on the disposition of the two properties.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday January 10, 2022 at 4 PM

Respectively Submitted  
Craig S Mack

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