

# MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes– February 14, 2022 at 4 PM

Moline City Hall in the Committee of the Whole

|                    | Present | Absent |
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| 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       |        |

**Introduction of Guests** – Sam Moyer, 5th Ward Alderman

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – January 10, 2022 – A motion by Commissioner Sandberg and seconded by Commissioner Mack 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:** Alderman Moyer shared that the City Council was looking for more information. The Commission was asked to revisit the 15 day review period to clarify how it would work and who would be responsible for the review. The Commission was asked if the current 50 year standard could be reconsidered. The suggestion of limiting the scope of the ordinance to specific historic areas or a different time period were recommended. Commissioner Potter will be following up with various council members to gain better insight into their concerns and report back at the next meeting.
- **Historic Depot Clock** - No report.
- **Moline Historic plaques** - Commissioner Ege gathered quotes and provided them to City Administrator, Bob Vitas. Commissioner Ege will follow up with Mr. Vitas and provide an update at the next meeting.
- **Caxton Block Building** - No report.
- **Heritage Church site (sandbagging plaque)** - Commissioner Ege met with Parks Recreation Director, Eric Griffith to show him the old plaque and propose a new location. Commissioner Ege shared a quote from Kings Materials estimating \$4,500 for a rock to mount the plaque

to. Commissioner Ege is also researching other materials that may be used instead of stone and will report his findings at the next meeting.

- **Possible landmarking of the Skelly Station on 820 5th Ave** - No report.
- **Sale of Gorden Memorial Church, 1330 26th Street, Moline** - Commissioner Ege shared that the building has recently been secured. Windows and doors have been boarded up. Mr. Foley shared that the city continues to work with a private investor who is trying to purchase the building for redevelopment into multi-family housing. The prospective owners are evaluating zoning options as they want to ensure the parsonage can also be used. Currently there is a tunnel running between the two properties which needs to be evaluated.

## Old Business:

- **List of Moline's historically and architecturally significant buildings inventory** - Commissioners continued the discussion on what areas to survey. A motion by Commissioner Sandberg and a 2nd by Commissioner Mack to divide the city into quarters using Avenue of the cities and 19th Street as the points of intersection was unanimously approved. Sean Foley was assigned to start gathering the number of parcels in each quarter to use for future bids. Sean will also try to locate documents that support the city's contractual obligation to do the survey as a "certified local government". Sean will also partner with City Administrator Bob Vitas about getting this topic on an upcoming agenda for further discussion and guidance from the council on how to proceed.
- **Inventory of salvaged architectural materials** - No report at this time. Commissioner Potter hopes to be able to give a more detailed update at the next meeting.

## Reports:

- **Proposed Riverfront redevelopment** - Sean Foley reported that a current property owner in Moline has expressed interest in putting a coffee shop in the Celebration Belle parking lot.
- **David B. Sears recognition** - No report.
- **Main Street and Facade Improvement Program** - Commissioner Sandberg shared that there are currently three buildings located on 15th St. across from the old UpTown Bank that are under consideration for facade improvement funds. More details will be shared at the next meeting after they have had the chance to meet with the owner and review the plans.
- **Downtown Heritage Tour** - No report.
- **Quad Cities Preservation Consortium** - A meeting was held to discuss the upcoming 150 anniversary of the City's founding. A committee is currently being formed to assist with the planning and those interested are encouraged to reach out to Neil Dalhstrom or Commissioner Potter. The suggestion of historical walking tours was discussed as they were successful in the past.
- **Spiegel Building Redevelopment** - No report.
- **Carnegie Library** - No report.
- **Old Post Office on River Drive** - No report.
- **Leedy Building Fire** - Commissioner Ege spoke with the contractor overseeing repairs and is trying to arrange a time for a walkthrough. The contractor stated that the building would be

split up into 2-3 sections for varied use. The old Moline Club will be restored with the addition of a new bar.

- **The Rock Island Courthouse** - No report.
- **Redevelopment of the Collector Center 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 5:15 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday March 14, 2022 at 4 PM

Respectively Submitted  
Brandon Tidwell

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