

May 9th, 2022 Meeting Minutes
MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

| Commission Members | Present | Absent |
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| Frank Ege | x | |
| Craig Mack | x | |
| Dan Mizner | x | |
| Brandon Tidwell | x | |
| Dick Potter | | x |
| Barb Sandberg | x | |
| Jeffery Dimer | x | |
| Sean Foley - Staff | x | |

Meeting called to order: At 4pm the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mizner.

Introduction of Guests

Jeff Manis - Moline Center

Natalie Linville-Mass - Q.C. Passport

Jan Stoffer - Q.C. Preservation Consortium

Public Comments - N/A

Approval of Revised Meeting Minutes for April 11th, 2022

Commissioner Tidwell motioned to approve minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dimer. Motion carried, all in favor.

New Business:

Ghost Mural Restoration Request:

Jeff Manis for Moline Center and Rouse Consultants presented a proposal to repaint two Ghost murals at 422-16th Street on the upper north facing brick wall and the addition of two murals of similar size. The building formerly housed the Roderick Cafe in the 1920's and a ghost sign with that name and an advertisement for Wrigley's Spearmint Gum are still present on the building but hardly visible. Rouse Consulting has owned the building since 1995 and proposes to restore the two previous signs along with adding two new ones (Rouse Consulting and Moline Centre). The proposal stated that the art work would be completed by Mural Soup, a local business which has done several other similar projects including mural restoration for Bent River Brewing. Manis stated that the new signs will have a historic feel and be complementary to the existing murals. The Main Street Commission has approved the request/design and Moline Center will pay for 75-85% of the cost. Rouse Consulting will pay for their own. Total cost for the project is estimated to be \$7500 for all. Commissioner Dimer asked that the Public Art Commission be made aware of the request. Commissioner Ege inquired about sign maintenance and if there was a budget established for ongoing repairs. Manis stated that the goal is to put a sealant on work to protect it and reduce the need for future repairs. Sean Foley expressed the need for the project to be approved by the zoning commission to determine there are no advertising conflicts. Commissioner Tidwell made a motion to approve the full restoration of the two current ghost

murals but not the addition of any new mural or advertisement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sandberg. Motion carried, all in favor.

Q.C. Pastport Signage Request:

Natalie Linville-Mass with QC Pastport presented a proposal to promote 10 historical Moline locations with signage, audio, and web services through the QC Pastport program. Linville-Mass stated that the goal of the program is to put people in a place where history has happened sharing the stories and culture of the community. Currently there are five destinations with audio on the Channel Cat. QC Pastport is working with the City of Rock Island to highlight 10 historical destinations that will be marked with signs and include a text number to access information audio and pictures. The group hopes to have 26 quad city destinations in total by the end of this summer. Linville-Mass is seeking support for the program in an effort to ask the City of Moline for an investment of \$39,300 for a 5 year partnership that will include 10 locations with signs. Commissioners discussed the work that has been done by volunteers working with the staff creating the Downtown Heritage Tour Website. Commissioners discussed the scope of the web material versus only ten sites offered by Pastport. Commissioner Sandberg suggested that she would like to update the Downtown Heritage web material as it now includes 78 sites. She has been told it would be better if it could be accessed using an APP. It works very well on a computer but tends to freeze when accessed via I-phone or tablet. It was not thought that funding for this upgrade would be excessive. Commissioners discussed the desire to place plaques on numerous historic buildings including historic information but have lacked funding for such a project. It was determined that the HPC could do a considerable number of sites for far less than \$40,000. It was the general consensus of the commissioners that the \$40,000 cost for only ten sites was too expensive considering the agreement would only be provided for a period of five years.

- Code suggestion: HPC reviews buildings over 50 years prior to issuing a demolition permit.
 - Commissioner Mack made a motion to change the required days from 60 to 30 with the ability to ask for an extension from building officials. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ege. The motion carried, all in favor.
 - With a change in required days from 60 to 30 and the ability to ask for an extension from building officials, the consensus of the HPC was to move forward with the 2nd draft of the proposal adding it to the current ordinance. It was noted that this 2nd draft garnered the support from the form based code officials. The draft will appear before the council on 5/24.
- Certified Local Government Grant to hire an outside firm to do a comprehensive Historic Structures Survey - N/A
- Moline historic landmark plaques - Commissioner Ege will work with the Parks Department to order 6 new landmark plaques as approved by City Administrator, Bob Vitas.
- Caxton Block for sale. - N/A
- Sandbagging recognition plaque - Commissioner Ege received approval from the Parks Department for up to \$2000 to be spent on a mount for the plaque. The base will be concrete and provided by the Parks Department. Ege is in the process of getting a quote from Boilers Ornamental Iron.
- Landmarking of Skelly station 820 5th Ave. - The HPC will hold a public hearing directly before the next HPC meeting on 6/13. The intent of the hearing is to gather feedback or concerns from the community regarding the possible landmarking of the Skelly station.
- Sale of Gorden Memorial church 1330 26th St. Moline. - N/A

- Certificate of appropriateness LeClaire Hotel Door - Commissioner Mizner will reach out to property management at the LeClaire Hotel Apartments to invite them to our next meeting. We hope to provide guidance and discuss the repair/replacement of an exterior door.
- Moline's 150th Anniversary - Commissioner Sandberg is working on putting together historical information to fill several Moline Centre bus kiosks. Sandberg is highlighting the time period between 1848 - 1957 and is focusing on products Made in Moline along with Moline's Sweet Treats.
- Adoption of bylaws. Currently the HPC does not have a set of approved bylaws. Commissioner Mizner will review examples from other HPCs and begin a draft document for commission review.
- Other - Commissioner Sandberg noted that the Josephson clock is no longer keeping accurate time and the bezel needs to be replaced. Sandberg mentioned that the clock has struggled for a long time due to the constant change in temperatures. Sandberg recommends replacing the bezel and updating the internal mechanism of the clock to modern electronic equipment so it will keep correct time. Sandberg made a motion to consider renovating the clock to a more modern mechanism and replacing the bezel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dismer. The motion carried, all in favor.

Old Business:

- List of Moline's historically and architecturally significant buildings - N/A
- Inventory of salvaged architectural material - N/A

Reports:

- Public Arts Commission - N/A
- 4th Ave. Fire Station repairs - N/A
- David B. Sears recognition - N/A
- Main Street & Commercial Façade Improvement program - N/A
- Downtown Heritage Tour Web site and promotional materials - N/A
- Quad Cities Preservation Consortium - N/A
- Spiegel Building Redevelopment - N/A
- Carnegie Library Building - N/A
- Old Post Office River Drive - N/A
- Leedy Building Fire - N/A
- Rock Island County Courthouse – Rally on 6/11 at 11am on courthouse grounds.
- John Deere House - N/A
- Redevelopment of the Collector Center site - N/A
- Redevelopment of Ray's Appliance site - N/A
- McKinley School potential sale - N/A
- Manual Arts Building potential sale - N/A
- Other

Public Comments - N/A

Announcements: Next meeting Monday, June 13th, 2022

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 6:25pm

Respectfully Submitted by: HPC Commissioner, Brandon Tidwell