HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION City of Moline

Minutes: November 13, 2012 4:00pm Council Chambers

Present Commission Members: Commissioner Barb Sandberg

Commissioner Jolene Keeney Commissioner Scott Perkins Commissioner Tom Bracke Commissioner Tom Bracke Commissioner Dan Mizner Commissioner Curt Roseman

Staff: None

Absent Commission Members: Commissioner Craig Mack

Guests: Diann Moore

Dawn Nueses Rebecca Gall

Commissioner Sandberg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Bracke made a motion to approve the minutes for October 8, Commissioner Keeney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business:

DRI & NW Depot - Fundraising: So far, the committee has raised \$50,000 in six weeks and have been investigating different areas for fundraising. They are still receiving donations through the mail every day, and plan on working until the very last day. Information about saving the depot is being sent to other preservation groups, such as the Scott County preservation society to pass out to their members. Commissioner Mizner gave a short presentation on how we could use the arguments in the book "Economics of Historic Preservation" to support our case to the Council.

Sears Warehouse – Amtrak depot: Currently scheduled to move forward on the same time line, and seeking additional proposals to replace Restoration Saint Louis.

Phillips Lofts & Berglund Bldg. – Update: Coming along nicely, the ceilings are 15 feet; they left the plaster in pieces to give it some pizzazz. Have not finalized the plans for the restaurant yet, the cement has been poured for outside dining. They are planning on it being a farm to table restaurant which is scheduled to open early spring.

Skinner Block & Skinner Annex – Update: Chris Townsend is interested in tax credits even though the block is not in a historic district. He is going to try to get on the National Registry so he will be eligible for the tax credits.

Former Grants Building rehab: Matt Sivertsen is going ahead; he hasn't changed the façade yet. He has applied to the façade committee for money. Financial planners will be going into the building.

Lundell bldg. Street level façade work: The building façade is complete.

Other Historic District Buildings: New art gallery has opened above Watermark Corners; Jackie Olson operates it mostly with her work. The Boys and Girls club of the Mississippi Valley is currently working on converting the Skills building in to a teen center.

Reports:

John Deere House: Status Chris Baker has sold one of his houses. The decking on one of the porches will be worked on next.

Main Street: The Holiday decorations are up downtown, and there were some new participants. There will be downtown black Friday specials and then small business Saturday.

Belgium Bluff – Update: No new updates on the special service area, it was pulled from the council so it can be brought up again at a later date.

City of Mills mural restoration complete: The mural has been fixed for \$150 for three hours work, or \$50 an hour by Bill Gustafson. Make it a point every three years or so to have Bill look at it.

John Deere Commons – Potential Historic District:

City Hall Celebrates 100 years – 1913 – 2013: The commission started to brainstorm ideas such as a birthday party, exhibit about the history of the city hall. It was suggested doing something public to get the people of Moline involved. Another idea was a tour of city hall to show the inside of the building. Possible time to have this is summer time tour or party, forming a committee to help plan things for the 100 years celebration.

Correspondence and Other: Ice Rink at the Kone Building, looking to the city for help.

New Business:

Other:

Announcements:

Lighting of the John Deere Commons – Saturday Nov. 17th, 6:00p.m. Open Meetings Act-Mandatory Electronic Training-Due Jan. 1, 2013

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Commissioner Scott Perkins