

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**City of Moline**

**Minutes: February 8, 2010**  
**Committee-of-the-Whole: 4:00 p.m.**

Present Commission Members:      Commissioner Curtis Roseman  
   Commissioner Scott Perkins  
   Commissioner Barb Sandberg(telephone)  
   Commissioner Dan Mizner  
   Commissioner Jim Scott  
   Commissioner Craig Mack

Absent Commission Member:      Commissioner Tom Bracke

City Staff:                                      Pat Burke

Guests:                                         Diane Moore  
   Dawn Neuses  
   Heather Holding

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

**January 11th Minutes:** Commissioner Mizner questioned the time that the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Mack said that the meeting was adjourned about 4:15pm. Commissioner Sandberg motioned to approve the minutes with an amended time. Commissioner Mizner seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Old Business:**

**Depot:** Pat reported that the heat is on in the depot. A contractor is keeping tabs on the building by visiting the building each Friday. Progress on finding a suitable location for the relocation of the depot is ongoing and is getting some help from positive press.

**Carnegie Library:** Pat reported that the heat is on in the library as well and is getting the same weekly visits.

**Washington Sq. Apts.:** Pat reported that two proposals were presented to the City Council in a closed session. There was no word on any decisions made.

**Landmark Josephson House:** Commissioner Scott reported that the landmarking of the Josephson House is slated for a second reading and vote at the February 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Pat reported that the Landmark plaque will be presented to the Matthis family at that time.

**McDermott Building:** Commissioner Mack reported that a bollard has been installed to protect the oriel from damage by trucks turning to sharply into the alleyway.

**Landmark Plaques:** With the Landmarking of the Josephson House, we are out of plaques. Pat has contacted the company that made the first batch and was quoted a price of \$220.00 each. The commission discussed looking for other companies from which to obtain plaques. Pat said he would call the company back and see if there would be any sort of volume discount. He also suggested that should we need additional plaques beyond our current budget of \$300.00, we could request additional funding for 2011 if the need could be justified.

### **Reports:**

**John Deere House:** There has been no news since the auction. The strip of ground has been identified as the terrace along 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Harvesting ordinance for Moline:** Commissioner Roseman reported nothing new.

**Main Street:** Commissioner Roseman reported that the meeting scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> was either postponed or canceled. Pat stated that the group needs to move forward. He said that 2009 was a time for organizing and developing the by-laws. 2010 needs to be a time to put things into motion.

**Skinner Block:** Pat reported that there is a problem with the financing. The Millers are looking for additional investors, but the project is currently in jeopardy.

### **New Business:**

**Potential Buildings for Landmarking, Procedure and Brochure:** Commissioner Scott started the discussion by pointing out that the brochure differed from the City's web page. The brochure has had the words "owner's consent" removed from the "Who Can Landmark a Property" area of the brochure, but the web page still has those words in the description. It was decided that changes to the web page would be made once the brochure and procedures are ratified. Commissioner Sandberg had a language suggestion in the "What Tax Incentives Are Available to Landmarked Properties?" section. In the second paragraph the word "to" be changed to "within". It would read as follows, The Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program provides federal income tax incentives for the rehabilitation of historic income-producing properties listed on the National Register or contributing resources within a nationally designated historic district. Commissioner Sandberg also had a suggestion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the "When is a Certificate of Appropriateness Required?" section. The amended text is as follows: The application is reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission to determine if the change will have an adverse affect on the historic integrity of the structure. If none is found, the Historic Preservation Commission will approve the application. If the application is not in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, the Commission will forward its recommendation to deny to the City Council for a final determination. The guidelines will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Future Agenda Items:** Commissioner Scott brought in a printout of the changes the Moline Schools are going to make to the John Deere Middle School. The plans look like there was a positive effort made to blend the new addition to the historic details of the existing building. Commissioner Scott suggested that we include this as something to watch. There were no further suggestions.

**Announcements:**

**Other:** Diane Moore asked Pat if Julie Albers had contacted him about Landmarking John Deere's granddaughter's home. Pat said that he had not heard a word.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Dan Mizner