

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
City of Moline

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

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

Absent Commission Member: Commissioner Tom Bracke
 Commissioner Scott Perkins

City Staff: Pat Burke

Guests: Diane Moore
 Dustin Lemmon
 Heather Holding
 Pam Owens
 Alderman Scott Raes

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

Approval of Minutes:

February 8 Minutes: Commissioner Mack motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roseman. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Special Report:

Pam Owens gave a report on the Main Street program. She reported that the State program had been suspended by the national Main Street Program due to some changes in the state government structure. Since the suspension the state has corrected the problems and is now on probation. She also stated that the length of probation depends on the results of a survey of 66 Main Street communities. Moline is currently only an associate member. Each associate member is assigned a mentor. Moline's mentor is Aledo. She also reported on the 5th Avenue reconstruction. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for March 16th. It will go over items such as schedule, road closure, signage etc. Construction is expected to begin within 45 days. Progress is expected to be reported on the Main Street website.

Pam also reported that the Main Street group has received a grant for \$2,000 from the Keep America Beautiful program for cigarette litter. They will be forming a committee to come up with a plan.

Pam also reported that Bill Allred will be giving a concert at Bass Street Landing on June 23rd. This will kick off the summer concert series which begins July 1 and continue for 6 weeks each Thursday evening.

Old Business:

Depot: Pat reported that Landmarks Illinois was in Washington in order to participate in the historic preservation lobbying day and they spoke with Representative Hare in his office. No word on any results of the meeting.

Carnegie Library: Pat reported that Chris Mathias was currently showing the property.

Washington Sq. Apts.: Pat took a group thru the property on March 4th.

CI Josephson House: Pat reported that the Council approved the Landmarking nomination and presented the plaque to the owners.

McDermott Building: Nothing new.

Landmark Plaques: When Barb returns, Pat and Barb will get a quote from the company that supplied the Mural plaque.

Fifth Avenue Reconstruction: Reconstruction is expected to last 120 days.

Reports:

John Deere House: Barb has contacted the Mayor about the status of the house. He reported that he took someone thru the house. Barb suggested that we should meet with the bank in Sterling to see what plans they have. Pat was contacted by Landmarks Illinois concerning the name Redcliff and how the name came about as well as who the architect may be.

Harvesting ordinance for Moline: Commissioner Roseman reported nothing new. He also suggested that this item be removed from future agendas.

Main Street: Pam gave a report that was given at the beginning of the meeting.

New Business:

2009 Annual Report: Nothing to report.

Brick Street Ordinance – Council Action: The final reading and a vote on the change to the Brick Street Ordinance is March 9, 2010. Commissioner Mizner asked Alderman Raes how this change was brought forward without any communication with the Historic Preservation Commission. He was not sure how this came about. All are in agreement that this issue should be tabled for a reasonable period of time so that the Commission can research funding. Alderman Raes agreed to ask that this be tabled. He also said he would make some calls. The resolution was approved in December of 1998. Commissioner Mizner said that he would try to attend the meeting.

Landmarking Procedure and Brochure: Commissioner Roseman stated that the Guidelines document should have a statement in it that says that the Commission can help with the application process. Commissioner Scott was not sure that letters will bring any responses. Commissioner Sandberg doesn't see any negatives about pointing out that a property is important. She also suggested that we invite them to our meetings. Commissioner Sandberg also suggested that we identify historic properties. Each Commissioner should submit five properties to Commissioner Roseman before the next meeting.

Announcements:

No Announcements

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Dan Mizner