

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
City of Moline

Minutes: April 8, 2013 4:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Present Commission Members: Commissioner Dan Mizner
 Commissioner Jolene Keeney
 Commissioner Scott Perkins
 Commissioner Barb Sandberg

Absent Commission Members: Commissioner Tom Bracke
 Commissioner Craig Mack
 Commissioner Curt Roseman

Staff: Pat Burke

Guests:

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

Approval of Minutes:

February: Commissioner Keeney made a motion to approve the minutes, with Commissioner Mizner seconding the motion. The Commission approved the Minutes

March: Commissioner Mizner made a motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections adding ed to block under John Deere House, changing the e to o in vendors under Belgian Bluff, changing April to June for the preservation conference. Commissioner Keeney seconded the motion, and the commission approved the minutes.

Commissioner Sandberg announced that Tom Bracke has decided to decline another term on the Historic Preservation Commission due to his heavy schedule. He offered to help find a replacement for his seat but the final decision rests with newly elected Mayor Raes.

Reports:

DRI & NW Depot - Update: The city of Moline met with WIU, IHPA, IDOT, Federal Highway, and MPS last week. The State DOT will include the depot move when they do the bridge improvements to River Drive. The Plan is to accept bids for the move in 2014 and in the winter of 2015 plan on moving the depot. Most of the meeting involved the federal and state highway departments discussing their role in the depot move.

Commissioner Sandberg and Pat Burke stated that the meeting was very positive. Moline Preservation Society President Diann Moore stated that the Society has cash in hand amounting to nearly \$73,000. There were about 15-18 people at the meeting and, after the main meeting adjourned, people broke into smaller groups for further discussion. Commissioner Roseman has talked to Bill Brewer and learned that his students are working on ideas for WIU use of the depot. Bill said he would share the ideas, but did not think a presentation would be doable.

Sears Warehouse - Amtrak Depot Update: no update

Berglund Bldg: There was a nice article in the paper. The Kings Daughters resale shop will be staying in the same place.

Skinner Block & Skinner Annex: Parking is still the issue in and around the Commons. The city may have to construct a new parking building downtown. Currently they are moving people to the Midtown parking ramp, as it is expensive to maintain parking buildings

Davis Building-Former Collectors Center Pending Hotel Plans: nothing new

Other Historic Moline Center Buildings:

Old Business:

John Deere House: Nothing new on the house. Commissioner Sandberg hasn't been by the hill to see if there is any damage from the rain. Commissioner Keeney reported that work is being done on the J.D. carriage house door, which has resulted in causing the roof to cave in. This building is located across the street from the Deere House where it was moved likely when the Granddaughter's house was built.

Main Street: Three facade applications have been turned in, Happy Dog bakery 16th St., Adriana's pizza 16th St and one on Ave of Cities. There are two facade applications for downtown Moline coming. Additional people are needed for the facade committee, looking for people who have construction and historic background. April 24 is the date for the Dead Poets cash mob which will go to a place to shop, receive a discount and a gift. The places to shop will be revealed at Dead Poets.

Belgian Bluff – Update: September 15 will be the fall Flemish Festival. The festival will be at Stephens Park, and there will be Belgian food, activities beer tasting, pigeon racing roly boly, waffles, dancing, and music.

Facade improvements-Downtown, Uptown, Avenue of Cities & Olde Towne see above

City Hall celebrates 100 Years 1913-2013: The Commission is currently looking at the middle of October for their planned open house. Commissioners Keeney and Sandberg will meet with Mayor Raes after the election to decide on a date then will go to the council to get approval.

Other: Brick Street Commissioner Roseman compiled a list of potential brick street areas needing repairs and turned it over to Scott Hinton. Council has approved \$50,000 in the 2013-14 CIP budget and Scott said they would prioritize repairs to the street if it was likely to cause damage to cars or was dangerous.

New Business:

IHPA training sessions April 22: The first session will be for the Façade/Design committee and the second session will be for the Historic Preservation Commission. Members of both groups are encouraged to attend each other's sessions. There will be a session that evening at the WIU Riverfront Campus on the availability of historic tax credits.

Nominations for HPC officers for upcoming year 2013-2014: Due to a number of commissioners absent, this item was tabled until our next meeting. Commissioner Mizner made the motion to table with Commissioner Keeney seconding the motion, and the Commission approved the motion.

Other: Commissioner Sandberg inquired to Commissioner Keeney if she had any additional information on the State of Illinois doing away with nominations filed by individuals for Historic Properties. It was decided it would be a good question for the upcoming IHPA training session.

Announcements:

Moline Preservation Society

April 23, dinner at Le MeKong at 6:00pm, followed by a tour of the former Grant Building renovated by owner Matt Sivertsen.

May 28th Butterworth Center Library at 7:00pm (Speaker: Gayle Rein “Logging on the Mississippi”)

Annual State Preservation Conference June 27-29 Evanston, Illinois

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Perkins