

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## City of Moline

### Minutes: June 10, 2013 4:00pm City Hall Council Chambers

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

Absent Commission Members: Commissioner Curt Roseman

Staff: Patrick Burke

Guests: Alderman Janet Bender

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

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Mack made a motion to approve the minutes for April, Commissioner Keeney seconded the motion. The motion passed the commission unanimously.

#### **Reports:**

**DRI & NW Depot - Update:** Discussions between IDOT and the city of Moline are ongoing with IDOT wanting the City to take the lead for making plans and arrangements for moving the Depot. Potentially bids would be accepted in the summer of 2014 and the move could happen in the winter of 2015. In-kind services cannot accept any money. WQPT has begun filming a documentary on the Depot which will include current and historic photos of the depot as well as the moving of the Depot and its restoration on the campus of WIU.

**Sears Warehouse - Amtrak Depot Update:** Currently moving forward, no new developments.

**Berglund Bldg:** The electrician is currently working in the main floor Barrel House Pub. There are some environmental issues, but they are going to continue the rehab of the building into loft apartments.

**Skinner Block & Skinner Annex:** Concern for adequate parking is still an issue, especially when the hotel goes in which has delayed further work on the proposed upstairs apartments.

**Davis Building-Former Collectors Center Pending Hotel Plans:** There is some uncertainty on what hotel is going in, so they are not able to move forward. They are currently looking for a new hotel concept, so they are starting over and will need to come up with new renderings.

**Sylvan Island Bridge-Update:** Commissioner Roseman got in contact with the Park Board inquiring about the Pro Bono engineer's report and was told it wasn't detailed enough. They have decided to pay for a more In-depth study. Last week, Commissioners Sandberg and Keeney both happened to see inspectors in a boat doing inspections underneath the bridge when they were out enjoying the biker path. Inspectors found that there were areas where you can see through the bridge floor.

## **Old Business:**

**John Deere House and 12<sup>th</sup> Street Wall:** So far no other sections have fallen, but there is a section that is leaning pretty well. A path has been created on the North Hill so they would be able to get the lawnmower up there.

**Main Street:** Director Pam Owens resigned her position in May. Moline is currently determining the future of the Main Street program.

**Belgian Bluff – Update:** Intern Mark Bray a graduate student at WIU is currently working on the Flemish Festival. They are currently looking for sponsors for the event which will take place at Steven's Park and run for three hours.

**Facade improvements:** The façade committee has reviewed a potential sign change for Floorcrafters located on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> street and 5<sup>th</sup> avenue. A number of property owners are coming to the façade committee asking for suggestions on improving their façade, but they are not coming back seeking funding to do the suggested work.

**City Hall celebrates 100 Years 1913-2013:** An e-mail has been sent to Tracy but has not received a reply yet, but we are still moving forward with the event.

## **Other:**

### **New Business:**

**Ill. Historic Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program:** The State of Illinois has brochures that have information about the Tax Freeze Program. Cannot offer the program legally until the Mayor approves it. The property must be owner occupied and landmarked. The tax rate would be frozen at the amount before the renovations are done, and the state of Illinois would have to approve it. The commission feels that this would be an incentive for people to landmark their house and also for people to buy and move into older houses.

**Historic Preservation Commission Vacancy:** Still looking for a replacement for Tom Bracke. Potential Commissioners, must have a background in either history, legal, real estate, historic preservation, construction/engineering and/or architecture and must live in the city of Moline or own property in the city of Moline.

## **Announcements:**

MPS Public meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> Dinner at 5:45P.M. Belgium Village Inn followed by program at the Belgium Cultural Center by Dave Coopman.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Perkins