

**MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COM MISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**Monday September 9 , 2013 at 4:00 p.m**  
**Council Chambers**

COMMISSION MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jolene Keeney	X	
Craig Mack		x
Dan Mizner	x	
Scott Perkins	X	
Curtis Roseman	X	
Barbara Sandberg	X	
Pat Burke - Staff	x	

Commission Chair Barbara Sandberg called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., guest Dawn Nueses was introduced, and the minutes of the August meeting were approved by Commission vote.

Reports:

Pat Burke reported nothing new on either the plans to move the DRI & NW depot to the Western Illinois University Quad City campus or the Sears Warehouse-Amtrak depot project. He also noted that the new restaurant is open in the Berglund Building, although the residences there are not yet ready, and an inquiry has been made about the possibility of using the Davis Building/ Collector Center as a tractor museum.

Sandberg updated the Commission on the Sylvan Island wagon bridge, which has been closed. It is on the Moline City capital improvements list for 2014, which is to be discussed at the City Council's Committee of the Whole meeting tomorrow (September 10). Staff at Landmarks Illinois have been given information on the bridge and will ask an engineer to evaluate the Missman report on the bridge and possibly do an independent evaluation. Commissioner Roseman agreed to draft a letter to the Council, Mayor, and Park Board members, expressing the Commission's concerns about saving the historic bridge and offering to assist in achieving that goal.

Sandberg reported on a meeting organized by Frank Butterfield and Bonnie McDonald of Landmarks Illinois, a statewide organization that supports local preservation efforts. She and Diann Moore guided them on a tour of Moline historic sites, including the Sylvan Island bridge. Sandberg also noted that SB 336, the Illinois State Historic Tax Credit program, has passed the Illinois Senate and is awaiting house action. She will check with City staff on status of brick street repairs, which has an allocation in the City budget.

Old Business:

The 12<sup>th</sup> Street wall adjacent to the John Deere house is on the City's 2014 capital improvements list.

Commissioner Keeney reported on plans for the 100 anniversary celebration of the City Hall building, to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2013. The City has agreed to allow tours of the building. Keeney and Sandberg have collected historic photos and other materials to be displayed, and are compiling a continuous-loop slide show which will be presented during

the celebration. Refreshments will be served and some sort of memento, such as a refrigerator magnet, will be given to attendees.

Burke invited the Commission to comment on a new cell phone antenna to be installed on the LeClaire Hotel building. The building is currently transitioning into an all-market-rate residential facility.

New Business:

Progress is being made on renovating the 1845 Birdsell Building located at corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue which was damaged by fire.

Garfield and Ericson Schools are scheduled to be closed in two years with students reassigned to Hamilton or Lincoln-Irving schools. Landmarks Illinois staff suggested it is not too early to think about future uses of these buildings.

Mayor Raes currently has two names for consideration to fill the opening on the Commission, but has not chosen a person yet.

The historic Wilson House is in the path of a new Mississippi River Bridge and its future status is unknown. Owners of the house are the Trimble family. Eric Trimble told Commissioner Keeney he is not interested in selling to a not-for-profit organization at this time but might consider it after the first of next year. The Moline Community Development Corporation has no money to buy the building but would like to be kept informed about any developments in regards to the building. Currently that area is zoned for commercial development.

Announcements

The Washington Square Apartment project has been awarded the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award for Rehabilitation. The award ceremony will be October 26 in Chicago.

The Flemish Festival will be held Sunday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at Stephens Park, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Echoes From Riverside walk will be on Saturday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment 5:15

The next Commission meeting will be on October 14, 2013