

**MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
Monday July 14, 2014 , 4 p.m.  
Council Chambers

**Introduction of Guest :** Dawn Neusus

**Approval of Minutes :** Commissioner Mizner motion (Commissioner Keeney, second) to approve the June Commission meeting minutes was passed without dissent.

COMMISSION MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jolene Keeney	X	
Craig Mack	X	
Dan Mizner	X	
Scott Perkins	X	
Dick Potter	X	
Curtis Roseman	X	
Barbara Sandberg	X	
Jeff Anderson- Staff	x	

**Reports:**

**DRI & NW Depot:** Jeff Anderson reported that the WIU Board of Trustees has yet to take action on the intergovernmental agreement to move the depot.

**Sears Warehouse-Amtrak depot:** The Amtrak station is to be named “The Q,” and the hotel “Element.” Commissioner Sandberg recalled that the Commission is to be consulted in the design of the project.

**Industrial Home bldg:** The sale of the building has not yet closed.

**Davis Building:** Nothing new.

**Sylvan Island Bridge:** Nothing new.

**City Comprehensive Plan:** With the plan completed, the next step is the development of a transportation plan funded by IDOT and the City.

**Brick Streets & Brick:** Work is proceeding on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to repair brick pavement that suffered winter damage. Commissioner Perkins showed photographs of the scene.

**Skinner Block:** The City has approved the proposed housing on the upper floors. The owner hopes to receive historic tax credits for the project.

**Old Business:**

**John Deere House & 12<sup>th</sup> Street Wall:** Keeney reported that painting continues on the exterior of the house, but the owner told her that he does not have immediate plans for interior work.

**Main Street:** No report

**Façade Rehabilitation: Nothing new.**

**Pending closing of Garfield (1901) and Ericsson Schools:** Commissioner Roseman noted that a petition is being circulated to bring the school closings to a non-binding referendum on the November ballot. The petition proposes the continued operation of Garfield and Ericsson buildings and the establishment of a Math and Science Academy at the new Hamilton building.

**Illinois Rehabilitation & Revitalization Tax Credit-SB336-bill;** Anderson noted that the bill passed but did not contain historic tax credits.

**Ray’s Appliance Building:** Because bids for its demolition were higher than expected the City has not let a contract.

**Survey of historically and architecturally significant properties:** Commissioners held extensive discussion on how to proceed in modifying the preliminary list prepared by Roseman. Criteria discussed include the following:

Properties listed from the 1987 Augustana survey will be deleted if they are no longer “basically intact.” Similarly, properties given Preservation Society awards that no longer meet the award criteria will be deleted. Properties that meet the general historical/architectural criteria for local landmarking will be added to the list. The focus will be on pre-World War II properties, but exceptional examples at least fifty years old can be included. Areas (neighborhoods, districts, etc.) that have significant architectural and/or historical quality and continuity will be added to the list.

These criteria will be summarized by Roseman and circulated to Commissioners, each of whom will commence surveying their assigned territory. Maps of Commissioners' territories will be supplied by Anderson. Progress on the survey will be reported at the August Commission meeting.

**New Business:** None reported.

**Announcements :** None

Adjournment at 5:20 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on August 11, 2014