

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday March 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m

Introduction of Guests : Dawn Neuses, Diann Moore, Mayor Scott Raes, Alan Sabat

Approval of Minutes : A motion to approve the February meeting minutes made by Commissioner Mizner (Commissioner Keeney, second) was unanimously approved.

Reports:

DRI & NW Depot : Commissioner Sandberg reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation has yet to approve details permitting the proposed depot move.

Sears Warehouse/ Amtrak depot: Construction on the project should start soon; The Commission will have the opportunity to review design details.

Industrial Home Building: Residential development there is still on hold.

Wilson House Application : Diann Moore reported that someone has shown interest in purchasing the building.

Sylvan Island Bridge: Jeff Anderson reported that the required study of mussels in the river bed will be completed this summer and the target date for the completion for the bridge replacement has been moved to 2017.

City Comprehensive Plan: Contracts with consulting firms will be considered by the City Council on March 24th. The project should start in early April and public input will be sought at later dates.

Brick Streets & Brick: Commissioner Scott reported that the 18th Avenue brick pavement looks good.

Skinner Block : Anderson reported that the third floor will open to occupancy in March, the whole building in May. He will inquire about the possibility of the Commission touring the building before or after its April meeting.

Collector Center Site : The City has given Russell Construction a year to investigate the site where the Davis Building/Collector Center once stood. The study should include a parking garage with opportunities to have businesses on the lower level. This study includes the land north of the railroad tracks and south of River Drive.

Commission Annual Report to State Historic Preservation Office : Anderson received acknowledgment of receipt of the Commission's annual report.

Old Business:

John Deere House & 12th Street Wall : The City cannot construct the new wall, which is on public property, until they receive permission to use the adjacent private property for equipment.

Main Street : Commissioner Sandberg proposed the idea of decorating downtown utility boxes with art or historical information. This might be done in conjunction with a heritage walk. Anderson will discuss the idea with the Main Street Commission.

Façade Rehabilitation : no new applications

Closing of Garfield (1901) and Ericsson Schools: Both schools have been sold.

Ray's Appliance Building Site: nothing new

Compiling the List of Moline's Historically and Architecturally Significant Structures; Commissioner Roseman reported nothing new. Sandberg pleaded with Commissioners to complete their parts of the survey.

Historic District Proposed by Dave Wise : He is still working on it.

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	

New Business: Keeney and Anderson described the National Geographic Mississippi River geotourism project. They agreed that Moline should play a significant role in the project.

Announcements :

Roseman promoted the Twelfth Annual Quad Cities Henry Farnam Dinner to be held on Friday, March 27. Its theme is “The 1896 Rock Island Government Bridge and its Master Designer, Ralph Modjeski.”

Adjournment : 5:30 p.m. Next meeting: April 13, 2015