

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday May 11, 2015

Introduction of Guests : Dawn Neuses, Diann Moore

Approval of Minutes : The minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Mizner (Commissioner Keeney, second).

Reports:

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	

DRI & NW Depot: project is on hold, pending State funding decisions

Sears Warehouse/ "The Q": project is on hold, pending State funding decisions

Industrial Home building: no signed agreement yet for proposed conversion to residences

Wilson House: Commissioner Mack has been working with a potential buyer who might establish a business in the house.

Sylvan Island Bridge: Commissioner Roseman noted that one possibility is to replace the historic wagon bridge with one of similar design. He and others are advocating saving one span of the original bridge and placing it on the shore as part of a historic display. He noted that the Missman report on the condition of the bridge recommended removing the bridge from its piers by lifting each span and placing them on the shore.

City Comprehensive Plan : Anderson reported that consultants have summarized stakeholder interviews and have identified a half dozen core areas for focus of the plan. Public input will again be sought in June

Brick Streets & Brick : the 13th Street repairs have been completed

Skinner Block Apartments : open for rentals

Collector Center Site : study of potential uses by Russell Construction is continuing

Plow City Heritage Walk : Roseman circulated a draft proposal for the walk. The Commission could partner with Main Street and the downtown SSA on the project. Possible funding could come through a CLG grant—submission deadline is in November. Commissioner Sandberg suggested members of the Commission should meet with the Main Street organization, and volunteered to help. Roseman will send the proposal to Adam Holland in hopes of arranging a meeting, and will find out what kind of system is used by River Action for their RiverWay tours. Commissioner Perkins will find out what classes at Western Illinois University might help with the project.

National Geographic Mississippi River Geotourism : Sandberg experienced problems accessing the online system and encouraged other commissioners to try it.

Old Business:

John Deere House & 12th Street Wall : Work on the wall is still on hold, pending the outcome of litigation.

Main Street : no report

Façade Rehabilitation : \$30,045 available for this year and three applications are pending. The program is now administrated by the City.

Garfield and Ericsson Schools : no news

Ray's Appliance Site: now parking; no word on future uses

Moline's Historically and Architecturally Significant Buildings Survey: on hold; waiting for commissioners to complete their surveys

Announcements: Roseman will conduct a downtown walking tour on Saturday, May 30.

Adjournment : 4:55 pm.

Next meeting : June 8, 2015