

MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTE OF THE MEETING

Monday August 10, 2015

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	

Introduction of Guests : Mayor Scott Raes, David Anderson

Approval of Minutes : On a motion by Commissioner Sandberg (Commissioner Keeney second) the July meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports:

DRI & NW Depot: Mayor Raes reported that IDOT is unlikely to support the cost of the move. He was told by City Public Works Director Mike Waldren that the City does not have the capability of saving the clock on the facade of the depot. Sandberg and Commissioner Mizner wondered if holding back the funding was in violation of federal law. Jeff Anderson mentioned that saving of the depot should have been specified as part of the original environmental impact review.

Sears Warehouse- "The Q": Anderson noted that designs have been revised for the State and National Park Service review for tax credit as part of the Downtown Historic Commercial District. Funds for the Amtrak station are on hold, but some work is proceeding on the upper floors of the building.

Industrial Home Building: Anderson reported that the owner must complete some remedial work on the building and its future use is unknown.

Wilson House: nothing new

Sylvan Island Bridge: Mayor Raes reported the mussel study will probably be done this fall.

Prospect Park Pavilion : Mayor Raes noted that the pavilion is City property and its repair might become a City, rather than park board, project.

City Comprehensive Plan: According to Anderson, the next public meetings on the current phase of the plan development will be in September.

Brick Streets & Brick: nothing new

Collector Center Site: nothing new

Downtown Heritage Tour : Sandberg and Commissioner Roseman reported that the project is moving forward. The first phase, posters to be placed on three downtown kiosks, is well underway. Images have been selected and Anamaria Vera of the City Planning and Development Department will design the posters. The second phase is a tour for people using home computers or portable electronic devices. With the assistance of City GIS Administrator Todd Green, a decision on the platform to be used will be made soon. Once that decision is made, Sandberg and Roseman will supply the content (images and text) for the tour.

National Geographic Mississippi River Geotourism Project: Public meetings will be held on August 11.

Repair of the Historic Block Mural : Sandberg reported that the initial 2008 fundraiser for the mural included money for maintenance and repair. Artist Bill Gustafson has completed repairs and submitted a \$650 bill for the work. Mizner, (Keeney second) moved to pay bill. The motion passed without dissent.

Chase Building : Anderson reported that the building is to be renovated for market-rate housing, with an unknown start date.

Old Business :

John Deere House & 12th Street Wall: Keeney reported the property is being cleaned up.

Main Street/Façade Rehabilitation : Anderson reported that exterior work is being done on the 15th St and 16th Ave building. Sandberg noted that an application for **façade** assistance had been approved for a building on the 12th Steet side of the Birdsell building.

Garfield and Ericsson Schools: Keeney showed plans for the Garfield property, which will be senior housing with 57 units, some in the existing structures and some in a new structure. Historic and low income tax credits will be sought.

Ray's Appliance property: nothing new

Historically and architecturally significant property inventory: Roseman reported that additional modifications to the master list have been received from Keeney and Commissioner Potter.

New Business:

Josephson House: A Certificate of Appropriateness was not filed before the roof was replaced. The Commission will review the matter next month.

Announcements : Mizner announced a September 26, Habitat for Humanity project in which thirty properties in the Floreciente neighborhood will be improved. Habitat is partnering with other organizations on the neighborhood improvement project.

Roseman announced a downtown walking tour to be conducted on Saturday August.22nd.

Adjournment: 5:40 pm. **Next meeting September 14, 2015**