

# MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday October 12, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

**Introduction of Guests :** Dawn Neuses

**Approval of Minutes :** On a motion by Commissioner Mizner (second, Commissioner Potter) the minutes of the September meeting were unanimously approved.

### 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		
Jeff Anderson-Staff	x	

**DRI & NW Depot:** The State plans to take ownership of the depot in December 2015 and demolish it in 2016. Nonetheless, efforts continue to save it—if not the building, the clock and perhaps other architectural elements. The Commission is requesting an opinion from the City Attorney on the process the State must follow in gaining permission to demolish the depot, given its status as a local Historic Landmark.

**Sears Warehouse- “The Q”:** Work is proceeding on environmental mitigation inside and tuck pointing on the exterior.

**Industrial Home Building:** Repairs by the current owner are underway.

**Wilson House :** The building is still for sale.

**Sylvan Island Bridge :** 2017 remains as the target year for replacement.

**Prospect Park Pavilion :** The City Council is discussing budget options for its repair.

**City Comprehensive Plan:** An open-house/workshop for the public is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 6-8 p.m. Proposed transportation improvements to be presented.

**Brick Streets & Brick :** nothing new

**Collectors Center Site:** Developers are still working on options for use of the site.

**Downtown Heritage Tour :** With the help of City staff members Todd Green and Anamaria Vera, Commissioners Roseman and Sandberg have prepared material for the first stage of the tour. It has two components: 1) three posters have been prepared to be displayed on existing kiosks downtown, and 2) a virtual map-based tour of historic sites is under development. The two parts should be ready to launch soon. Roseman and Sandberg are also working on the project with representatives of the Moline Centre Main Street organization.

**National Geographic Mississippi River Geotourism :** Commissioner Keeney is entering into the system the Moline Preservation Society’s 11<sup>th</sup> Street walking tour. She and Roseman may also enter the downtown Heritage Tour.

**Chase Building :** The developer, who is planning housing for the building, has closed on property.

## **Old Business:**

**John Deere House & 12<sup>th</sup> Street Wall:** The City has settled with owners of the property having the wall in need of repair. However, bids have not yet been let for the work

**Main Street/Façade Rehabilitation :** Main Street will expand their summer concert series for the 2016 season and are currently planning events for this fall. No new facade improvement requests have been received.

**Garfield and Ericsson Schools :** Ericsson building repurposing is complete. Ribbon-cutting for the new Esperanza Center there was held on September 26.

**Ray's Appliance Building —development :** nothing new

**Moline's historically & architecturally survey/inventory :** no progress reported

## **New Business :**

Jeff Anderson reminded commissioners of the November 14 training session for local preservation commissions, to be held in Geneva Illinois:

**Adjournment :** 5 pm. Next meeting November 9, 2015