

**MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Monday December 14 , 2015

Introduction of Guests : Megan Noe and Anthony Panicucci (WQAD), Mayor Scott Raes, Diann Moore

Approval of Minutes, Meeting of November 8, 2015 : On a motion by Commissioner Sandberg (second, Commissioner Keeney) the minutes were approved.

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: Sandberg reported that salvaging of some elements would be detrimental to the structure of the building. Illinois DOT may prefer that any salvaging be done just prior to demolition. Commissioner Potter and Sandberg have visited the site and are exploring how and when the clock, roof, and other valuable components of the building itself can be salvaged.

Sears Warehouse e/“The Q”: Jeff Anderson reported the National Park Service is still reviewing aspects of the project before bids will be let for the next phase of the renovation.

Industrial Home Building : Keeney has observed work being done on the building.

Wilson House : The for-sale sign is still on display. Sandberg reported that a party is interested in purchasing the building for commercial purposes.

Sylvan Island Bridge : still on schedule for replacement in 2017

Prospect Park Pavilion : Anderson noted that a study is underway to determine the stability of the structure before needed repairs on the pavilion can be undertaken.

City Comprehensive Plan U pdate: Commissioner Potter thanked Commission members for responding to the online request for comments on the first version of the plan. Anderson reported that the consultants will be forwarding recommendations to the City soon.

Brick Streets & Brick : nothing new

Collector Center Site : Potential developers are still studying potential uses of the site.

Downtown Heritage Tour : Commissioners Roseman and Sandberg reported that the online version of the tour currently features thirty downtown sites, each with historical photographs and text. It can be accessed through the Main Street Website, <http://www.molinecentre.org/about/history> (click on Self-guided Tour). Still to be decided are the nature and timing of various promotional efforts. Commissioner Mizner suggested a “soft launch” soon, which would involve promoting the tour with postcards and posters to be mounted on three downtown kiosks.

National Geographic Mississippi River Geotourism : nothing new

Chase Building : Anderson noted that the developer will have a plan by January and recommended that the Commission have the opportunity to review the plan.

Scottish Rite Cathedral : The building is for sale. Sandberg noted its great potential as a performing arts facility.

Old Business:

John Deere House and 12th Street Wall: Mayor Reas said that the wall repair/replacement is to be started in January. Sandberg expressed hope that some sort of tasteful texture will be incorporated into the exterior of the wall.

Main Street/Façade Rehabilitation : Several projects have been funded and others, including some in Floreciente, are being considered.

Garfield School , Future Plans: According to Anderson the developer is still working on plans for the repurposing of the current buildings and constructing a new building.

Ray's Appliance Lot: Anderson informed the Commission that an RFP is being prepared for release. It would seek ideas for adding structures on the Fifth Avenue frontage compatible with adjacent buildings that are currently part of the Downtown Commercial Historic District.

Survey of Moline 's Historical/Architectural Significant Buildings : Anderson distributed copies of an RFP issued by the City of Rock Island for their inventory of historic structures. He has been in contact with the Lakota group, which is doing the inventory, and suggested that the Commission invite a Lakota representative to discuss options for Moline. Sandberg reminded delinquent Commission members to complete their parts of the initial Moline survey, which could form the foundation for a similar project in Moline.

LeClaire Hotel Repairs : Potter congratulated the owners for making appropriate repairs to the building.

New Business: none introduced

Announcements : Keeney announced that the 2015 June Museum Week experienced increased attendance over past years and will be held again in 2016. She also has observed that the large Prairie-style house at the northeast corner of Seventh Street 35th avenue Place is being torn down.

Adjournment, 5:15 p.m. ---- Next meeting: January 11, 2016