

## MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### Minutes

Monday, August 8, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.

Committee of the Whole

Commission Member	Present	Absent
Vacant		
Craig Mack	x	
Dan Mizner		x
Scott Perkins	x	
Dick Potter	x	
Barb Sandberg	x	
Carm Senatra	x	
Jeff Anderson - Staff	x	

Introduction of Guests: Joshua Ford & Jaan Sturgis

Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2016: A motion by Craig Mack & seconded by Scott Perkins followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

Reports:

- DRI & NE Depot – Update: Commissioners expressed their concern that there has been no direct contact with the “Q” architects or with Jeff Nelson regarding incorporating space within the building for the DRI depot clock. Commissioner Mack said he would contact Jeff Nelson and Jeff Anderson said he would contact ReNew director Janet Mathis regarding setting up a meeting.
- Sears Warehouse – “The Q”: Jeff Anderson reported that the new hotel is slated to be open summer of 2017. A condo wall has been built as required in order to qualify and meet deadline for federal funding.
- Wilson House: House and property are still for sale.
- Sylvan Island bridge: Plans for the bridge are now in the design stage with construction planned for 2017.
- Prospect Park pavilion –update: Commissioner Potter attended a recent Park Board meeting and stated that the Board favored repairing the pavilion and is following Council Direction and drafting RFP (request for proposals) that will be sent out for bids.
- City Comprehensive plan – update: Council approved proposed plan and directed staff to seek out potential funding sources for suggested improvements.
- Collector Center site – update: Heart of America has architects working on a design that would include a building suitable for residential and commercial tenants along with a parking structure.
- Downtown Heritage tour – update: Commissioner Barbara Sandberg gave a report on the number of times the web site had been used between 5-13-16 & 8-3-16 that being 397. She said that the window slicks have been distributed and that she got a very positive response from the businesses she contacted. Commissioners suggested adding the web information to Facebook pages of potential interest.
- National Geographic Mississippi River Geotourism: Activities set for September and October.
- Chase Building – update: Work to begin in September on approximately 37 apartments which will be rented at market rate.
- Scottish Rite Cathedral: Building remains for sale.

- Spiegel building: City owns the building and is seeking a developer to renovate it into apartments.
- Other

#### Old Business:

- John Deere House: It was mentioned that the west terrace is becoming overgrown. The city now owns this parcel but code does not require steep terraces to be maintained.
- Main Street/Façade rehabilitation: Commissioner Sandberg reported that the street level façade of the former Paradise/Walgreen building on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been redone with assistance funding from the façade program. She stated that several other properties are being considered.
- Garfield School: Plans are moving forward to convert the School into senior housing.
- Future development of Ray's Appliance: Ray Forsythe has yet to write up an RFP for the vacant properties waiting for further development of the nearby "Q" depot and hotel. The city has been awarded a Transportation assistance grant that could help with the planning of this area.
- Mural at 13<sup>th</sup> St and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave: Commissioner Sandberg is waiting for the art professors at Augie to return from summer break.
- List of Moline's historically and architecturally buildings –survey/inventory: nothing new.

#### New Business:

- Signage request for the LeClaire Apartments: Joshua Ford stated that he had signed a lease with the new owners of the LeClaire, Monarch Investment, and made a presentation to the Commission requesting their input and approval of street level signage for the Ford & Brown photo studio and architectural business and for his wife Aimee Ford's portrait business. The signage would be placed over the large street level business windows on the east and south sides of the LeClaire building. Since this item was not on the agenda, no vote could be taken and Chairman Potter scheduled a special meeting for August 30, 2016 at which time Joshua Ford would present further details for the proposed signage.
- Other: None

#### Announcements

Adjournment: Next meeting September 12, 2016

Respectfully submitted;

Barbara Sandberg, Secretary

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