

## MOLINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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

Monday 12 February 2018 at 4 PM

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2017 ad Special Meeting on December 19, 2017:** Motion to approve by Commissioner Carm Senatra, seconded by Commissioner Dan Mizner followed by full approval of the Commission.

### Reports:

- **Sears Warehouse – “The Q”:** The Q will have a soft opening at the end of February with a full opening in March 2018. The two spaces for restaurants still have not been leased. The City received a letter from IDOT stating the train is still coming to Moline, but no timeline was given.
- **Depot Clock and redevelopment of I-74:** Discussion continued about the January 17 public meeting on the I-74 realignment development. Carm share his drawing of a possible solution for the Depot Clock with Dan McConaghy (Acting Director for Renew Moline). Frank Ege shared the suggestion of honoring David Sears and his major contribution to the development of Moline. Dan Mizner said he reviewed the old City plats and noticed that there was a park in the early 1900’s on the site before the bridges were built. The park was called “Sylvan Park”. Jeff Anderson stated that there are many competing interest in this 13 acre site. A major player is the Church that bought the old Kone building. The church is working with the City and Renew Moline on the site development and possibly trading land for additional parking spaces. They also are working on the idea of opening the existing Kone test tower as a public viewing area. This would require a secondary exit out of the tower. Lakota Group is taking the

comments from these meetings and developing a preferred plan. This plan should go before the the Planning Commission in April and then to the City Council. The bridge is scheduled to opened in December 2021 but demolition of the existing infrastructure to the bridge will begin this year.

- **Wilson House:** After the collapse of the south wall of the house the construction crew uncovered a a buried tunnel adjacent to the building. A new article on Channel 4 news on 31 January 2018, covered the story stating it might be part of the underground railroad. The new addition to the south of the building is framed in and weather tight.
- **Prospect Park pavilion** –update: The City Council has postpone landmarking the Pavilion until any structural changes are made to the Pavilion. The Park Board is working with Shive Hattery and discussing the stabilization of the structure and what might be required. The structure has stabilized and cross bracing may not be needed.
- **Collector Center site** – In 2018 Heart of America will be working on a design for this site. Right now they are spending most of their time on the redevelopment of the Fifth Avenue Building.
- **Downtown Heritage tour** – update: The printing of 4,400 promotional Downtown Heritage Tour cards has been completed. Cards were passed out at the meeting and additional cards are available at the Visitor’s Bureau.
- **Spiegel building:** An RFP went out on Friday for the redevelopment of the Spiegel Building with proposals due back on 26 March 2018.
- **Fifth Avenue Building:** Heart of America has been working with the State and the National Parks on tax credits for this building. This has caused some delay in the project, but they are still hoping to move in before the end of the year. The law offices still have not relocated to another location.
- **Carnegie Building and Dispatch Building:** Both buildings are empty and show no signs of future development. It was stated that it is hard to contact of the owner of the library, since he is out of town. It was noticed the the for sale sign has been taken off the Post Office, so the Commission is not sure what is happening with that building.
- **Recognizing David Sears:** This was discuss under the the redevelopment of the I 74.
- **John Deere House:** Nothing to report.
- **Main Street/Facade rehabilitation:** A meeting of the facade committee will be held on February 13, looking at two projects. One is 2802-2804-2808 Avenue of the Cities ( the old Fritz’s Market and McKay Music) and the other is the Scottish Rite Cathedral.
- **Garfield School:** The environmental review is finished and Gorman is close on finalizing the finance package for this building. Construction should start in Mid March.
- **Town Houses on 6th Ave:** Jim Thompson and Shawn Larson are proposing to build 22 town houses on 1300 block of Sixth Ave. The proposal is currently in front of the City Council to change the zoning from B-2 (Central Business District) to B-2 Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Adjournment: At 5:05 PM. Next meeting March 12, 2018

Respectively submitted,

Commissioner Craig S. Mack  
Acting Secretary

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