

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: September 6, 2000

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Urbana City Building
400 Vine Street
Urbana, IL 61801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Novak, Trent Shepard, Sharon Irish,
Art Zangerl, Bill Rose, Liz Cardman,
Rich Cahill

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Tyler, Asst. City Planner
Rob Kowalski, Senior Planner
Mary Jo Montgomery, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Urbana Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Alice Novak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was declared present. Ms. Novak took a few minutes to introduce Bill Rose and Sharon Irish, two new commission members.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Shepard moved that the Minutes for June 7, 2000 be approved as presented. Ms. Cardman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, as presented, by unanimous voice vote.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Novak stated that Urbana now officially has three additional entries in the National Register of Historic places. Elm Street Court, more commonly known as Buena Vista Court on Elm Street, was listed on June 15th. The Nathan Clifford Ricker House, 612 W. Green Street, was listed on June 21st, and the University of Illinois Library on Gregory Street, was listed on August 11th. With these additions, it brings the total number of National Register listings for Urbana to nineteen. Champaign has nineteen listings in the National Register of Historic Places as well.

7. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of revisions to Historic Preservation Commission Orientation Folders

Mr. Kowalski, Senior Planner, reviewed the revisions to the Historic Presentation Commission Orientation Folders. The Preservation Ordinance, which was adopted by City Council, was also presented to the Commissioners.

Update on the Certified Local Government Application

Mr. Kowalski explained that for the Commission to be certified it means that the Commission is able to participate in the programs that the state agency offers and possibly get funding for efforts to promote

Historic Preservation in Urbana. Being certified also allows the Commission to partake in the activity of reviewing sites for the State Historic Register.

Discussion of Historic Walking Tour and Workshop

Mr. Kowalski suggested that the Commission should have a Historic Walking Tour to spark general interest in history and preservation in the City of Urbana. Mr. Kowalski suggested the West Main Street area and possibly the downtown area. After much discussion, the Commission decided to hold the walking tour on Saturday, October 21st, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Advertisement of the event could be flyers in downtown business windows, as well as posted information on the City's website. Mr. Shepard suggested trying to get an article in the paper prior to the tour, and possibly some coverage of the actual tour. Mr. Rose suggested that the Commissioner's should actually walk the proposed tour area to get an idea of how much time it would take to participate in the tour, and which area would be the best for the tour. All agreed to walk the proposed tour area and discuss their findings at the next meeting, which was set for Wednesday, September 20th.

9. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

10. STAFF REPORT

There was some discussion concerning the workshop the Historic Preservation Commission would like to hold. Mr. Kowalski stated that January would be an appropriate month to hold the workshop, possibly in the auditorium at the Library. Mr. Kowalski said the October meeting would be a good time to finalize details of the workshop. Mr. Kowalski also stated that he would be ordering the plaques for the designated properties.

11. STUDY SESSION

There was none.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April D. Getchius, Secretary
Urbana Historic Preservation Commission

