

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: March 1, 2006

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Cahill, Scott Dossett, Alice Novak, Bill Rose, Mary Stuart,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Trent Shepard, Art Zangerl

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Myers, Planning Division Manager; Rebecca Bicksler, Planning Division Intern; Tony Weck, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Abram Bicksler, G.D. Brighton, Dennis Roberts

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

Urbana Historic Preservation Commission Chair, Alice Novak, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With regards to the minutes of the February 1, 2006 meeting, Mr. Dossett made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Cahill seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Myers presented a copy of the February 2006 issue of Historic Illinois to the Commission for their review.

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

6. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Bicksler briefly updated the Commission on the progress of the planning of the upcoming Stucco Workshop. She stated that the date of May 21, 2006 had been set and that reservations had been confirmed for the Phillips Recreation Center through the Urbana Park District.

Further discussion of the implementation of comprehensive plan goals related to historic preservation had been planned for this meeting but were largely postponed until the next meeting. Of relevance, Mr. Myers presented to the Commission an excerpt from the MPH Quarterly publication, which included an article about notable people from St. Joseph, Missouri. He suggested that compiling such a list for Urbana could be a good first step toward recognizing which properties are significant, educating the public, and working toward the preservation of historically significant properties, including possible designation as local landmarks. Mr. Myers commented that although the city's numerous Noble Prize winners would be an obvious choice to include in a list of notable people from Urbana, the community should not overlook those who were important at just a local level rather than always thinking in terms of state or national significance. Rather than the Historic Preservation Commission, City staff or other groups will need to take the initiative on such a project but seek guidance and feedback from the Commission.

8. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

10. MONITORING OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

There was nothing to report.

11. STAFF REPORT

There was none.

12. STUDY SESSION

There was none.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced by Mr. Myers that there is an upcoming seminar, entitled “Surveying and Safeguarding the Recent Past.” The seminar was announced to be taking place in Chicago, Illinois on Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8th. Information and a registration form was provided to each of the Commissioners. Mr. Myers also announced that the P.A.C.A. Kids’ Building Fair will take place in Champaign at the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum on Saturday, May 20th.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rose moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cahill seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Novak at 7:44 p.m.

Submitted,

Robert Myers, Planning Division Manager