

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: March 5, 2008

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Council Chamber, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Dossett, Katherine Lipes, Alice Novak, Mary Stuart

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rich Cahill, Trent Shepard, Art Zangerl

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Myers, Planning Division Manager; Rebecca Bird, Community Development Associate; Tony Weck, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: none

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Historic Preservation Commission Chair, Alice Novak. Roll was taken and a quorum was declared.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Mr. Dossett and Ms. Novak asked for certain corrections to the minutes of the February 6, 2008 meeting. Mr. Dossett then moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Ms. Lipes seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

E-mailed comments from Commissioner Zangerl regarding the updated Joseph W. Royer Arts & Architecture District were distributed to commissioners. It was announced that these would be discussed later in this meeting.

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

6. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- **Historic Preservation Commission Bylaws Revision.**

Rebecca Bird presented the staff report regarding this agenda item. Along with the staff report, Ms. Bird also provided the Commission with copies of the current Historic Preservation Commission bylaws, copies of the current Plan Commission bylaws for comparison purposes, and drafts of the Historic Preservation Commission bylaws with proposed revisions. Proposed revisions to the latter were discussed. Revised bylaws will be provided at the next meeting for review and possible approval.

- **Joseph Royer Arts & Architecture District Brochure Update.**

Rebecca Bird presented the staff report regarding the updated Joseph W. Royer Arts & Architecture District brochure. The Commission was provided with paper copies of the updated document. The updates to the brochure that had occurred since the last review of the same were discussed briefly by the Commission. Mr. Zangerl's e-mailed comments were also discussed. Councilmember Roberts would like to use the brochure as part of Urbana's 175th Birthday commemoration in April. In order to have the brochure ready, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency needs to agree to the final design before printing. Therefore this is an opportunity to make any final necessary edits before printing. The Commission approved the brochure with certain discussed changes.

10. MONITORING OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Alice Novak reported that she has heard nothing about the University of Illinois holding a public hearing about moving the Mumford Barn. Mary Stuart made note of a for-sale sign which she had noticed in front of the Nathan Ricker House.

11. STAFF REPORT

Rebecca Bird reported that City staff had received a local landmark nomination for the Historic Lincoln Hotel property. Brian Adams is the applicant. She stated that this would be on the agenda for the April meeting. Ms. Bird also reported that City staff was in receipt of two applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (809 W. Main Street and 814 West Main Street). The first application is to demolish at 809 W Main, and the latter includes three changes to the house, including the driveway, replacing exterior doors, and removing an exterior staircase to the rear of the house. Ms. Bird also made mention of the “Inside Historic Urbana” program, airing on UPTV. Lastly, Ms. Bird reported that City Council had passed an amendment to the Historic Preservation Ordinance which would allow members of the Historic Preservation Commission to nominate properties/districts for historic status as long as the nominator abstains from discussion and voting.

12. STUDY SESSION

There was none.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katherine Lipes announced a lecture on campus about the legacy of the Mesker Brothers architectural ironworks companies.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Scott Dossett moved to adjourn the meeting. Katherine Lipes seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted,

Robert Myers, AICP
Planning Division Manager