

MINUTES
PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 15, 2014
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent Bogen, Kent Cornish, Lendol Calder, Craig Kavensky, Sue Swords, Anthony Heddlesten

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lo Milani, John Strieter, Colleen Vollman

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Jeff Dismer, Diane Oestreich

STAFF PRESENT: Ben Griffith, Brandy Howe

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bogen called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

AN ORDER APPROVING THE WRITTEN AGENDA:

MOTION: Kavensky made a motion to approve the written agenda. Swords seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.**

AN ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 MEETING:

MOTION: Cornish made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Calder seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.**

CLG GRANT UPDATE

Chairman Bogen asked Howe to provide a report. Howe reported that a subcommittee meeting to discuss options for the CLG grant was held on September 24th. Members present included Chairman Bogen, Associate Oestreich, Associate Anderson, and staff members Howe and Griffith. The subcommittee discussed two projects—a preservation plan and a QR Code brochure. The subcommittee determined that they would seek Council approval to submit an application to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for one of the two projects, with a preference being the preservation plan. Chairman Bogen and Howe will present the options to City Council at study session at the next meeting on Monday, October 20th. If Council approves, Howe will work with Commissioners as needed to prepare a CLG grant application and submit by the November 14th deadline.

Cornish asked if the Commission should make a motion to endorse this plan. The Commission agreed that a motion to move forward as presented was in order. Swords asked for confirmation that the preservation plan was the preferred project. Howe indicated that is correct. Cornish made a motion to approve the recommendation of the subcommittee. Heddlesten seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.**

ADDITIONAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Chairman Bogen asked if there were any updates on additional outreach activities to be conducted by the Commission. Heddlesten asked if anyone tried the sample QR Code that was placed on City Hall. Associate Oestreich indicated she tried it and was pleased by the result; it was a successful trial and that is why it is one of the two potential CLG projects.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Bogen asked there was any further business to discuss. Swords commented that she would be attending an event in Chicago this weekend called Open House Chicago which is a free public festival that offers behind-the-scenes access to 150 buildings across Chicago. More information on this event is available at openhousechicago.org. Heddlesten added that locally there is a private open house for historic districts at Fulton Landing in Davenport on Thursday, October 16th.

Griffith stated that no applications had been submitted for the November meeting but while the deadline for landmarks had passed, the deadline for COA's was not until the following Tuesday. Griffith reminded everyone to be mindful of any *ex parte* communications and to contact the Planning Office with any questions regarding any items on upcoming agendas.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Heddlesten moved to adjourn. Swords seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Howe