Historic Preservation Commission Work Session Cultivating a Preservation Ethic

Saturday, January 11, 2014

Commissioners present: Paul Prevo, Brent Gardner, Douglas Jones, Debby Cook, Robert

Tucker, Patrick Earney

Commissioners absent with notice: Brian Treece

Staff present: Rachel Bacon

Guests: Dan Cullimore, Pat Fowler, Andrea Herries

Call to order: 9:00 AM

Commissioners and guests participated in discussion around strategic planning goals, and upcoming projects. The goal of the meeting was how to cultivate a preservation ethic in Columbia.

Discussion of upcoming and potential events to undertake included the upcoming 2014 Most Notable Property Program, hosting a hands-on preservation work shop, development of an architectural salvage program, downtown historical markers, opportunities with the Daniel Boone Library for shared programming (cemeteries, window walking tour, quarterly programming), partnerships with the Missouri Theatre and the Jesse Hall renovation, and other walking tours.

Commissioner Jones and guests gave an update of lessons learned from a recent educational field trip with Preservationist Bob Yapp in Hannibal, MO. Information was dispersed, and takeaways included the opportunity for partnerships for trades education with local schools, how to frame preservation opportunities, restoration in progress signs and other promotional opportunities to foster neighborhood pride and local awareness, and other opportunities for local education and promotion.

Discussion also centered around the need for a website overhaul to indicate the types of technical assistance the Commission could provide, and exploring education, training and other technical assistance programs to increase the technical knowledge/information exchange within the community for historic preservation trades.

Adjourn: 12:00 PM