

MINUTES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 3, 2014

Call to Order: Robert Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Robert Tucker, Paul Prevo, Debby Cook, Brian Treece. Rachel Bacon, staff.

Attendees: Brent Gardner, Pat Fowler, Diana Borsi-O'Brien, Andrew Denney.

Paul Prevo made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2014 meeting without objection.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Bacon presented a summary of applications for demolition permits since the May meeting. Pat Fowler commented on the status of 711 Tiger Avenue. Robert Tucker asked for additional discussion on any proposed demolition.

Updates on Ongoing Projects:

- A. Rachel Bacon presented an update on the HP Interactive Map.
- B. The City has re-released an RFQ to select a consultant for the Preservation Trades Workshop. An agreement has been made with SHPO. The Council has appropriated matching funds. HPC will need to select a consultant in a closed meeting before the July 1 HPC meeting. A draft contract is required by SHPO before July 15.
- C. Intern Sara Haffner posted a story on the Heibel-March renovation on the COMO Revamp Historic Preservation blog.
- D. CLG Grant pre-applications are due August 1. Grants may now be used for renovation of National Register Properties that are civically-owned. The commission discussed projects at the Blind Boone home, or neighborhood branding or survey/outreach projects.
- E. Rachel Bacon asked the Commission to consider discussions of historic preservation incentives in the City's strategic plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Discussion of Downtown Historical Markers/Informational Plaques Program:** Brent Gardner presented an update on a downtown Historic Markers plaque program. Gardner is working with a potential corporate sponsor that may be interested in underwriting purchase of the interpretive signs. Robert Tucker will work with Mr. Gardner and the sponsor to develop size and costs for the signs.
- B. **Cultivating a Preservation Ethic:** Robert Tucker lead a follow-up discussion on strategic planning objectives. Each sub-group will be an agenda item at future meetings including Public policy/Planning, Technical Assistance, Outreach & Promotion.
- C. **Postcard Recognition for Good Work:** The commission mentioned several projects in the works for selection at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **2013 Demo Annual Report:** Rachel Bacon presented a draft of the 2013 Demolition Annual Report. There were 60 demolition permits issued in 2013, more than any year in the past ten years. Of the 60 total demolitions, 47 were for structures more than 50 years old. Of those, 31 were over 75 years old and 6 were over 100-years-old. The oldest structure demolished in 2013 was 133 years old. Brian Treece made a motion to submit the final report to City Council as a report. The motion was seconded by Paul Prevo and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

Without objection, Paul Prevo made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.