

Historic Preservation Commission
City of Charleston
City Council Chambers
520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, IL
January 15, 2016

Minutes

1. Erin Blitz called the meeting to order at 8:04a.m. In attendance were members, Gary Henigman, Merry Lichtenberger, Blair Lord, Matt Madigan, Kit Morice, Elisa Roberts and Nora Pat Small. Deborah Muller and Steve Pamperin from the City were also in attendance.
2. Minutes – Minutes from the December 18, 2015 meeting were reviewed. M/S/V (Kit/Elisa. Approved unanimously.)

Old Business

3. City Planner/Inspector Report. The TIF application round is open and 10 applications are out. They are due near the end of February. The goal is to have a start date of May 1. All projects from last year have been completed. The chimney that had separated from the building (old Cleaners Building on Jackson Ave.) has been removed. There was a discussion of what may be done to the building – it needs attention! There were comments on the recent damage to the tunnel between the jail and the Courthouse as a result of some utility pole work by Ameren. Steve was asked about Hucks and the proposed extension to the vacant land adjacent to the old Post Office. He has met with involved parties but not seen any plans as yet. Nothing more to report at this point. There probably are no covenants on the Post Office building that are likely to restrict use of the corner area for the proposed enlargement of Hucks. There may be a requirement for an EPA study however.

Steve asked about the latest on the Theatre. Gary explained the website fundraising page. The matter of Katie wrestling with the Bank was noted, but it looks like the property will revert to the Bank and the Sheriff's sale is likely to take place. Apparently, there is no private party interested in the property at this point. Steve reported that the City had asked the Bank to make some repairs to the building which they did. There has also been some attention given to the water intrusion.

4. Grant Projects Update. Everything was sent off in December to ??? Nothing has been heard as yet.

5. Will Rogers Theatre. Returned to this topic. Matt was engaged in a walk through with President Glassman yesterday (January 14, 2016). He commented that the previous water intrusion problem was noted, but it looks like the roof is holding at this time. There was some discussion of the dueling fundraising websites and Facebook pages. Katie apparently has more than one of her own. Confusing! Question as to whether Facebook could be asked to have a page removed. Probably not.

(Blair had to return to campus at this point)

New Business

7. Post Office/Hucks.
8. Tree Commission.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at XXX am.

Respectfully submitted, Blair Lord, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting February 19, 2016, 8:00 am at City Hall