

Historic Preservation Commission
City of Charleston
City Council Chambers
520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, IL
March 11, 2016

Minutes

1. Erin Blitz called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. In attendance were members Bob Bertrand, Merry Lichtenberger, Blair Lord (arrived late), Matt Madigan, Kit Morice and Elisa Roberts. Deborah Muller and Steve Pamperin from the City were also in attendance.
2. Minutes – Minutes from the January 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed. M/S/V (Kit/Bob. Approved unanimously.)
Minutes from the February 19, 2016 meeting also were reviewed. M/S/V (Elisa/Merry. Approved unanimously)

Old Business

3. Erin said that she was contacted by someone regarding a fence. Mr. Pamperin said that with consultation of the HPC chair, he has room to decide if it needs to have a COA. The house at 766 6th Street will have a 6-foot hurricane fence at the side and rear of the house. The Unified Development Code allows for this. No COA is needed.
4. City Planner's Report: Mr. Pamperin reported on TIF. The total value of the projects submitted is \$230,034, but only \$198,000 is TIF eligible. \$76,000 of this total will actually be TIF funds with the balance paid by the various property owners. These are still preliminary figures. Kit asked about the old Donna's Cleaners in the 700 block of Jackson. Mr. Pamperin explained what needs to be done. Mike and Stan's will have work done on its mural wall. Work on the Uptowner will be on the alley-side of the building.
5. Grant Projects: Nora Pat sent a brief message. Apparently, all grant funds are frozen at the moment.
6. Will Rogers: A fundraiser is upcoming on April 2. It is hoped that there will be approximately 130 participants. This will involve a sit-down dinner and entertainment by the Jay Ferguson Trio along with singer Yvonne Easter Larson, and EIU graduate and Broadway performer, Sal Viviano. There will be a silent auction. On the building itself, there has been some temporary work on the parapet but it is strictly temporary.

7. Exchange Club Tour/Event (May 21): A question: does anyone want HPC there? A “new” event and what will work is still to be discovered. Help is being sought from students, Boy Scouts, etc. to monitor corners. The route from the Square will be to head out on Jackson. Deb will send a link with the routes: 10, 25, 40 miles. It’s a bicycle event, and somewhat of a “replacement” for Celebration. Is there a role for HPC? A booth perhaps, tour of Square,...? Various ideas were kicked around. Questions about tables, chairs, banners, etc., also were asked. There was a discussion of options. It was decided to look into acquiring a banner. This is all very new for folks!

Discussion of whether a vote was needed to purchase a banner. We will likely act on this at the April 15 meeting.

6. Strategic Plan Workshop (April 18): This is a reminder. There is a 2011 plan which Erin forwarded to members. It was noted that it is a very general plan. The focus is Chicago-centric. There is clearly a challenge with local groups which overlap but don’t coordinate very well.

No new business.

Reminder: At the next meeting, we will need to elect officers for terms which start in May.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:47am

Next meeting: April 15, 2016