

Historic Preservation Commission
City of Charleston
City Council Chambers
530 Jackson Avenue
Charleston, Illinois
March 22, 2019

1. Kit Morice called the meeting called to order at 8:06.
2. Commissioners Present: Kit Morice, Merry Lichtenberger, Erin Blitz, Peter Quinn, Bob Bertrand, Nora Pat Small
City Staff Present: Steve Pamperin, Deborah Muller [arrived c. 8:40]
3. On a motion by Bob Bertrand and second by Merry Lichtenberger, the February 15 minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. Steve Pamperin presented City Planner report:

3-4 TIF applications have been received for foundation and roof work, and maybe façade work. Still seeing construction activity around the square—butcher shop still in process, CTF building gutted. Grandma's Place has opened in past month.

Comprehensive plan:

The community profile section of the city comprehensive plan is 98% complete. Our suggestions were incorporated.

Economic development is next section—will be discussed by planning committee in April.

2. Update building survey of square and adjacent blocks

Kit would like to have this done by August, send to IHPA, and be ready for Dec. city council retreat. We should take photos before trees leaf out. Guiliana has been taking photos. Kit will find out what she might have.

3. Kit has contacted Charlotte Gano about possibly serving on the Commission. If she doesn't hear back from Charlotte, Kit will contact Andy Cougill as a potential member. If anyone has any other suggestions, please let Kit know. Glenna Starkey might be a possibility; she resides on Jackson.

4. Comprehensive Plan updates and Historic Preservation

We will need to rewrite the introductory section.

Nora Pat offered the following wording for us to consider for the list of goals:

Goal 1: Continue to educate local property owners, residents, and city officials about the benefits and ethics of historic preservation.

Goal 2: Continue to identify historic structures and resources throughout the city.

Goal 3: Continue to facilitate the restoration or renovation of historic structures in the city.

Goal 4: Foster cooperation among all entities involved directly or indirectly with the City's historic infrastructure and buildings.

The recommendations to accompany those goals will also need to be rewritten.

Erin suggested we rewrite the participant section to explain how those individuals or organizations are participating; add other organizations that might be interested. We should include what we do in the introductory paragraph. Under recommendations we should include National Register listing of historic square. Be more specific about who we are encouraging cooperation with in recommendation section.

Kit: will forward economic and housing sections to everyone. We might have some interest in those areas, or areas of overlap with them. Find ways to integrate Historic Preservation into other areas of the plan. We also need to come up with photos to insert throughout the plan.

We will work on wording at our April meeting.

New Business

1. CLG Grant (deadline April 15)

We could possibly apply for a grant for reprinting our brochures. Deborah will check to see how many we have left.

2. Bicycle events

June 1: Tour de Charleston

June 12-13: Grand Illinois Tour, through Ride Illinois. About 240 participants. Kit—can we promote downtown somehow? Perhaps with shops around the square open late? A band in the pocket park? The Preservation Commission could research some of the buildings that will be open and have info at those shops. Discounts at shops with evidence of bike ride participation? What time will they arrive in town? Which night will they be here? Deborah will check on some specifics. The city can bring in temporary bike racks.

[Nora Pat had to leave at 9:00, before the meeting adjourned.]