

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE: December 2, 2015

APPROVED

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Novak, Gina Pagliuso, Trent Shepard, Kim Smith

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Scott Dossett, Matt Metcalf, David Seyler

STAFF PRESENT: Lorrie Pearson, Planning Manager; Kevin Garcia, Planner II, Tim Hodson, Web Mapping Intern

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Hodson, Thomas Hodson, Kevin Hunsinger

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chair Novak called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 3, 2015 Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting were presented for approval.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Shepard seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Webber & Thies, P.C. regarding Case No. HP-2015-L-01

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

6. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case No. HP-2015-L-01 – A request by Brian Adams to designate the Stephen S. Henson House located at 611 West Elm Street as a local historic landmark.

Chair Novak opened this case. She mentioned the letter from Webber & Thies, P.C. that was received and distributed by City staff asking for a continuance of the case on behalf of the property owner, Hunsinger Enterprise, Inc. Ms. Smith made a motion to continue the case as requested. Ms. Pagliuso seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

10. MONITORING OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Greek Revival Cottage at Leal Park

Kevin Garcia, Planner II, mentioned that the cottage was having problems with flooding in the basement, and it was causing serious mold issues. The Urbana Park District had submitted building plans to fix the problems and to also install a new American with Disability Act (ADA) ramp. He showed the location and elevations of the proposed ramp.

11. STAFF REPORT

Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant – Update and demonstration of the historic resources web map

Mr. Garcia stated that the City of Urbana received a CLG grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which was used to create a web map for historic resources. He introduced Tim Hodson, the project intern and creator of the web map, and explained that City staff was close to launching the website to the public.

Mr. Hodson approached the Commission and explained the web map. The map contains the 100-Most Significant Historical Landmarks, the Court House, the audio tours and a search by architectural styles, by street names or by architect.

12. STUDY SESSION

There was none.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shepard moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Pagliuso seconded the motion. With all Commission members in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted,

Lorrie Pearson, Planning Manager
Historic Preservation Commission Recording Secretary