

Monticello Historic Preservation Commission December 3, 2018 Minutes

The Monticello, IL, Historic Preservation Commission met Monday, December 3, 2018, at 5 pm at the Monticello Municipal Building, 210 N. Hamilton St., Monticello, IL 61856.

Members present: Lynn Corrie, Judy Greene, Keddy Hutson, and Maynard Suhre

Staff present: Callie McFarland, Director of Community Development

Others present: Vic Zimmerman, Superintendent of Schools, Monticello CUSD 25

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. The minutes from the October 1, 2018, Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting were presented for approval. Maynard moved to approve the minutes as presented, Judy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote as presented.

Old Business

Story Plaques

- Nothing to report

Courthouse Square Historic District walking tour brochure draft

- Maynard presented a latest edition of the brochure; he said he would like to retake three photos of the remodeled storefronts belonging to Suzanne Wells. He will then do a final edit and submit it to Fasprint.

Replacement brochure holders for historic district signs

- Maynard ordered two replacement holders, but because they are too small to hold the new brochures, will have to be returned and replaced.

Community Outreach

- Callie said she is able to upload the historic district brochures at any time onto the city web site, but just needs to have the information.

Local Landmark Status for 412 N. State Street

- It was decided that the applicants (Chris and Lynn Corrie) can use the form the city of Monticello has on file.

Historic Preservation Tax Credit

- Callie reported that the old Boka Shoppe was sold to Wyatt Muse, who will do a 100% gut job on the building and then rent it out as retail space. He would like to apply for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) tax credit.

City Staff Involvement

- To accommodate city staff attending our meetings, it was suggested that we change the meeting time to 4 pm on the first Tuesday of the month starting in 2019.

Watchdog Report

- Nothing to report

New Business

School Superintendent Vic Zimmerman presented information about the upcoming demolition of Washington School, built in 1893, and mitigation ideas regarding the demolition as required by the IHPA. IHPA requires a HABS survey for Old Washington within one year. The 1923 MHS façade will

be preserved as part of an interior hallway. As part of the Ideas that the commissioners suggested were as follow:

- 1) installing windows in the new high school addition that are more historically in keeping with the age of the original building
- 2) doing an Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) for Washington and Lincoln schools
- 3) having an open house for the community prior to demolition of Washington and possibly selling the bricks as mementos
- 4) Salvage some of the limestone pieces for later use
- 5) recreating a Washington school classroom at the Piatt County historical museum using actual salvaged materials (chalkboards, flooring, woodwork, etc.)
- 6) Contact a preservation company to go through the building and remove whatever they want prior to demo.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 4 p.m. at the Monticello Municipal Building.

Submitted by Lynn Corrie, secretary, 1/11/19