

Monticello Historic Preservation Commission
October 5, 2021

The Monticello Historic Preservation Commission met Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 at the Livingston Center.

Members present: Keddy Hutson, Chad Johnson, Leigh Anderson, Maynard Suhre & Maurey Williamson

Members absent: Louanna Miller and Ryan Tracy.

Public Participation: N/A

Chairman Hutson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. The minutes of the August 3, 2021 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Chad Johnson, seconded by Maynard Suhre. Motion carried.

Old Business.

Callie McFarland and Keddy Hutson participated in the quadrennial review regarding Monticello's Certified Local Government (CLG) status. Jon Pressley, the CLG program director felt the City was participating appropriately, and provided a template for future annual reporting.

Keddy Hutson provided an update on the exterior feasibility study of the Monticello Township Community Building, which the City received a CLG grant to fund 50% of. They have been meeting with various masonry, window and guttering contractors to get cost estimates affiliated with the list of improvements desired. The Township is looking at a loan to fund the improvements all at once, as opposed to making the improvements year after year.

There has been no movement from either Monticello Township or the Corrie's regarding their interest in applying for local landmark status. Chad Johnson and Keddy Hutson will keep making contact in case they need assistance.

Maynard Suhre gave an update on the Downtown Historic Recognition Plaques for the former Steeple Coffee House, Methodist Church, and existing First Presbyterian Church buildings. The owners of the former Methodist Church are interested, and the Presbyterian Church pastor is supportive but needs session approval. Steeple Coffee house is under new ownership. Additionally, a citizen wanted correction made on the dates published on the Dighton Building plaque- 100 E. Washington Street. The cost for replacement is \$370. The Commission will need to update the sign anyway to identify the new owner of the building, but in the meantime the QR code will point to the accurate information.

During the Historic District Watchdog Report for the Courthouse Square historic district, it was noted that masonry repairs had been made to the former drug store building, 109 W. Main Street. Also the historic vignettes on the S. Charter Street are deteriorating. Callie McFarland will contact the owner of the property to see whether there is interest in replacing the vignettes, or just removing them altogether. There was nothing to report for the North State Street Historic District. The pool at 450 S. Charter Street has been installed and the owner plans to remove the detached garage, not necessitating a review from the Commission.

For the brick sidewalk replacement program, Chad Johnson reported that the Lafayette Street section of brick sidewalk appears to be the worst condition of the brick sidewalks.

New Business

A local resident submitted a request and documentation recommending the designation of Lizard Run Creek as a local landmark. The creek covers a wide area, some being covered and some exposed, and there was question over which part of the creek, or in its entirety. Callie McFarland is to ask the resident for more definition of the area of the creek she feels should be included due to historical significance of the original site of the Hayworth cabin. Local landmark designation requires the majority of property owners impacted to be supportive of the designation. The Commission was interested in entertaining this request, based upon forthcoming information.

With no further business, a motion was made by Maurey Williamson, seconded by Leigh Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday November 2, 2021.