

Monticello Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, July 5, 2022

The Monticello Historic Preservation Commission met Tuesday, July 5th, 2022 in the Livingston Center.

Members present: Keddy Hutson, Maurey Williamson, Rachel Woods, Maynard Suhre & Louanna Miller.

Members Absent: Ryan Tracy and Leigh Anderson

Public Participation: None

City Participation: Callie McFarland

Chairman Hutson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. The minutes of the April 5, 2022 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Maynard Suhre, seconded by Maurey Williamson. Motion carried.

Old Business

CLG Grant Update – All final reporting documents have been submitted to the State of Illinois, along with the reimbursement request for \$7,592.00. The Monticello Community Building Board will be invoiced for their portion of \$2,808.00.

Local Landmark Status – Waiting on an application for the Monticello Community Building. Louanna Miller will follow up with the Corrie's for their residential property. For the Lizard Run Creek nomination, the Monticello Railway Museum had concerns about whether local landmark status would prevent future plans to construct extension of their platform on the portion of the creek between Charter and State Streets, to which the Commission said it would not. After discussion, the Commission decided to nominate the portion of the creek from N. State Street to the railroad bridge at Park Street.

Brick Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program – Taking an audit of the existing brick sidewalks is required prior to determining the rehabilitation of them. Callie McFarland will request residents to submit their locations.

Downtown Historic Recognition Plaque Program – The plaques for the First Presbyterian Church, Steeple, Monarch Event Center, and the Willow Tree Missions building all were ordered in early May.

Downtown Vignettes – As replacement imagery of the vignette spaces is limited and difficult, Monticello Main Street has proposed replacing the spaces with images complimentary and in line with the new branding. The Commission was receptive to this idea.

Historic District Watchdog Report –

-North State Street Historic District: Replacement of 2nd floor railings at 1004 N. State Street; and repainting of 1122 N. State Street.

-South Charter Street Historic District: None

-Courthouse Square Historic District: New roofs on 114, 112, 110, 108 W. Washington, and 122 N. Charter St.; Façade work for 217 W. Washington Street; Building Improvement grants considered for the Piatt County Courthouse, Main Street Pub and 216-220 W. Washington Street.

New Business

Historic District Walking Tours – Need to reorder replacement brochures, 250 for each district is a total of \$2,038.06. A motion was made by Louanna Miller, seconded by Rachel Woods to order more replacement brochures. Callie will confirm the correction for 420 S. Charter Street has been made. Because of the cost associated with printing, Callie is going to look into the App to reduce the need for printing.

Annual Historic Preservation Commission Awards- The Annual Historic Preservation Commission Awards will be presented at the Monticello Main Street Annual Meeting, July 12th, 2022.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4th, 2022.