MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 16, 2018

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joplin met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 5:00 P.M. in the Fifth-Floor Study at the Joplin City Hall at 602 South Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Nancy Morton, Paula Callihan, Peter Ramsour, Sandra Pommert, William Fischer, Lori Haun, and Emily Frankoski (alternate), Georgia Turner (alternate).
VISITORS:	Steve Curry, Parks Superintendent, Dustin Parker, Chairman, Parks Board, Harvey Hutchinson, Parks Board member, Debby Woodin, Joplin Globe, and Mr. Kenneth Meisinger.
CITY STAFF PRESENT:	Thomas Walters Lindsay Dunn, Clerk

Items 1. & 2. – Meeting called to order and Roll Call.

Mrs. Morton opened the meeting and Ms. Dunn called the roll. Mrs. Morton welcomed everyone.

Item 3. – Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Morton asked for additions or corrections to the minutes from the regular meeting of November 21, 2017.

MR. RAMSOUR MOVED, SECONDED BY MRS. CALLIHAN, THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2017, BE APPROVED. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH MRS. MORTON, MRS. CALLIHAN, MR. RAMSOUR, MRS. POMMERT, MR. FISCHER, AND MRS. HAUN VOTING "AYE" (6 IN FAVOR).

Item 4. – Budget:

Mr. Walters stated that the budget for FY2018 had not changed.

Item 5. - New Business
Mr. Walters said he would not be able to stay for the entire meeting as he had to present Council Bill 2018-402 to the City Council. The council bill request was for funding of a pilot program where Legal Aid of Western Missouri would provide legal services for non-profit affordable housing developers wanting to renovate abandoned housing in Joplin. The City of Joplin currently holds sixty-three properties deeded by Jasper County or other parties where the titles are not "clean".

The Missouri Affordable Housing act as amended in 2005 was established to take properties from absentee owners. The property must be vacant for six months, delinquent on taxes or a nuisance to the community before a developer could be awarded a clear title to the property. The funds in the amount of $10,000.00 for two projects are from 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds and would be used to subsidize soft-costs for the provision of affordable housing, and familiarize area affordable housing providers with these legal tools for future implementation.

A. Establishing a sub-committee with Parks & Recreation board for developing a plan to place Joplin historic parks and cemeteries on local designation.

Paula Callihan offered to chair the sub-committee. She said that since she had not met everyone who volunteered for the sub-committee that she would gather contact information from everyone and broadcast an email for the first meeting.

Mr. Curry asked what exactly the sub-committee would be doing and he introduced both Dustin Parker and Harvey Hutchinson from the Parks and Recreation Board who had volunteered to be on the sub-committee. He also said that Kreg Selvey, another board member, had volunteered but was unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Callihan and Mrs. Morton explained that the end product would be that each historic park and cemetery would be recognized as a local landmark and have their own story board marker. They agreed on meeting Tuesdays at the Joplin Public Library.

Mrs. Callihan said in other news that she had just learned that the Younger Brothers were buried in Fairview Cemetery. She said they were the outlaws that were killed in a massacre and their mother brought them home to Joplin to be buried.

Mrs. Morton thanked the members of the Parks and Recreation Board and Mr. Curry for attending the meeting and excused them if they needed to leave but invited them to stay if they so desired.

B. Application for local historic landmark: Frederick Harris Rogers House – 536 N. Wall.

Mrs. Sullivan introduced Mr. Meisinger and explained that the house is currently on the market for sale. She had explained to Mr. Meisinger what happens if the process is started and property ownership changes; that the City would require the new owner to initiate the process all over if they were interested in pursuing local landmark status of the property. She then gave her report of the criterias for qualification and background information.

At that point, Mr. Walters, said that he had prepared a staff report for the commissioner's consideration where he found that the nomination did not qualify under criteria F (referenced at criteria 6 in the application). Although the property was certainly an outstanding example of a well-cared historic house, he did not feel it was architecturally significant under the ordinance. He said he supported the other two other criteria on the application and the applicant/project has to meet only one item on the criteria list to qualify for local landmark nomination.

Mrs. Morton said that the staff report had not been included in the packets for the meeting. Mrs. Sullivan said at that point, the commission could proceed without criteria number 6 or continue discussions on criteria 6.

Mr. Meisinger stated that he leaned toward being expeditious. He asked that criteria six (6) be dropped as a consideration for his application.

MRS. HAUN MOVED, SECONDED BY MRS. SULLIVAN, THAT THE LANDMARK APPLICATION FOR 536 NORTH WALL, THE FREDERICK H. ROGERS HOUSE BE APPROVED. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH MRS. MORTON, MRS. CALLIHAN, MR. RAMSOUR, MRS. POMMERT, MR. FISCHER, AND MRS. HAUN VOTING "AYE" (6 IN FAVOR).

Mrs. Morton said that the motion that had just passed was not correct. It should be amended to reflect recommendation without Criteria 6.

MR. FISCHER MOVED, SECONDED BY MRS. SULLIVAN, TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS MOTION AND THAT THE LANDMARK APPLICATION FOR 536 NORTH WALL, THE FREDERICK H. ROGERS HOUSE BE APPROVED FOR RECOMMENDATION BASED ON CRITERIA 3 AND 5 OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH MRS.

MORTON, MRS. CALLIHAN, MR. RAMSOUR, MRS. POMMERT, MR. FISCHER, AND MRS. HAUN VOTING "AYE" (6 IN FAVOR).

Mrs. Sullivan said the commission's recommendation would be heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission in February and she would let Mr. Meisinger know the date.

Item 6. Old/Pending Business/ Discussion

A. 2017 CLG Meeting-Jefferson City, MO – February 2, 2018-8:30-Lewis & Clark Building.

Mrs. Morton said she and Mrs. Sullivan would be attending. They would complete their registrations so that staff could process the authorization for payment of the registration fees.

B. May 2-4, 2018 is the Annual Preservation Conference in Sedalia, MO.
There was discussion regarding which of the commissioners would be attending the meeting in Sedalia.

C. Memorial Hall NR Nomination – Status – No Discussion.

D. East Town Survey (North of Broadway) – Status – No Discussion.

E. PENDING – Goals Discussion

i. Marker Request – Status (Letter to Mrs. Joy Williams)

Mrs. Morton said she had sent the proposed letter to the sub-committee for their recommendation. They suggested a minor change. She would prepare the letter for mailing to Mrs. Williams.

ii. Bob Yapp Workshop (May 31st)

Mrs. Morton stated that she had a meeting with Rob O'Brien during the first week in December about a three day workshop to be scheduled for May. He volunteered to find the necessary funding and would speak to Mr. Bolander about making the Advanced Training & Technology Center at 420 Grand available for the workshops.

She said that she had recently contacted him both by email and telephone regarding a status of his findings and he, as yet, had not returned her communication.

Mrs. Callihan asked when that workshops were scheduled. Mrs. Morton said they would be during the last week of May.

iii. Status of Sidewalk markers for Southtown, Gabby Street & Midtown.

Mrs. Morton said that Troy has been out of town and has not gotten the map for us.

iv. Mrs. Haun spoke about the new Empire Market. The soft opening would be April 8, 2018. The Grand Opening would be later in the year.

She also told the commissioners about the National Main Street Conference in Kansas City on March 26-28th. Missouri Main Street, as the coordinator of the event, was looking for volunteers and there were scholarships available.

Mrs. Haun then brought up the resurrection of the downtown façade grant program. She said that Vision 2022 was working on an update for presentation to the City Council and the façade grant program was one of the topics that had been discussed in the past for recommendation.

Mrs. Morton suggested a sub-committee be organized to work with prospective applicants, Council, and Legal. Mrs. Haun volunteered to be the Chair of the sub-committee as long as there was no conflict. It was decided to ask Mr. Walters or Mr. Bolander their opinion of her chairing the sub-committee.

F. Announcements.

i. Results-Post Art Library Holiday Tea – Jill Sullivan.

Mrs. Sullivan stated the Holiday Tea was well received with a lot of children attending. She believed there were about one hundred people in attendance, and the musical entertainment was excellent.

ii. Results of Historic Murphysburg Preservation Presentation in December – Paula Callihan.

Mrs. Callihan said both the bourbon tasting at the Scottish Rite Cathedral and the homes tour were great successes. The bourbon tasting event attracted a capacity crowd and approximately 600 tickets were purchased for the holiday homes tour.

iii. Connect2Culture – Memorial Hall Designation – Emily Frankoski.

Mrs. Frankoski stated that Connect2Culture was excited to have Memorial Hall designated as a local landmark and they were looking forward to the National Register designation.

Adjournment:

MRS. CALLIHAN MOVED, SECONDED BY MRS. TURNER, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. THE MOTION CARRIED, MRS. MORTON, MRS. CALLIHAN, MR. RAMSOUR, MRS. POMMERT, MR. FISCHER, AND MRS. HAUN VOTING "AYE" (6 IN FAVOR).

Mrs. Morton adjourned the meeting.

The meeting stood adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved _____
Nancy Morton, Chairperson

Approved _____
Lindsay Dunn, Clerk