MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 17, 2017

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joplin met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 5:00 P.M. in the Fifth Floor Study at the Joplin City Hall at 602 South Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Paula Callihan, William Fischer, Lori Haun, Nancy Morton, Sandra Pommert, Peter Ramsour, and Jill Sullivan, Emily Frankoski (alternate).
VISITORS:	Josh Lowe representing KOAM TV Network
CITY STAFF PRESENT:	Tyler Overstreet, Planner 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 15, 2016, and none were received.

MR. RAMSOUR MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. FISCHER, THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15 2016 BE APPROVED. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH MRS. CALLIHAN, MR. FISCHER, MS. HAUN, MRS. MORTON, MRS. POMMERT, MR. RAMSOUR, AND MS. SULLIVAN VOTING "AYE" (7 IN FAVOR, 0 ABSENT).

Item 4 – Budget:

Mr. Overstreet stated the budget has not changed since the last meeting in November.

Item 5. – Old Business

A. CLG Education Component Update.

Mrs. Morton asked about an approximate date of making reservations for the Forum and for the state.

Mr. Overstreet said they haven't set date. The Save the Date postcard for the Historic Preservation Meeting is May 17th thru 19th. They haven't sent out registrations form. Mr. Overstreet will follow up and see about the rooms, i.e. block of rooms, rates and reservation

time.

Mr. Overstreet spoke to Rebecca Rost and Mary Sayers from the State Historic Preservation Office. Mary called today just to follow up on our request for an educational training session and was wondering if we had any particular area of interest. Mr. Overstreet told her the National Register. It will be around March or possibly May to put something together. He stated that we need to start speaking with other local CLGs or stakeholders in the community. The session would consist of explaining National and Local nominations and their differences.

We have also talked about putting on a workshop for proper treatment of renovating Historic Structures using historic materials. SHPO, specifically Mary Sayers has a lot of interest in our conducting these in our region. By doing the other training now, it will get this commission the proper connections and networking with other CLGs. CLGs attending could put on other workshops or do a series of workshops in their own communities.

Mrs. Morton stated she would like a sub-committee to work on this, develop contact information in Neosho, Carthage, Webb City and Carl Junction. Also, invite our neighbors to see what the benefits of being a CLG are. Nancy Morton volunteered to Chair the sub-committee but wants to be able to call on members to help out too!

Mrs. Callihan stated that the Historic Preservation Commission probably has contact information.

Mrs. Morton said they do. It would be nice to reach out to people that have not participated in Historic Preservation. And, have the educational meeting in March or May here at City Hall. Bob Yapp workshops are very expensive and there is only a small number of people can attend each one because they are "hands on". Our goal would be working regionally with each community having a different workshop. These events can be used as a springboard for more regional training.

Mr. Overstreet said that Mary Sayers said since Joplin is the largest city in the southwest region, our Historic Preservation Commission could host some of the larger, more expensive sessions.

Mrs. Morton stated that all this would be part of the 2018 Grant Cycle.

Jill Sullivan stated that it would be great to find someone not already involved with Historic Preservation to donate their house to showcase a workshop.

Mrs. Morton stated there may be a piece of property in East Town or property in Oakridge or North Heights.

Mrs. Pommert stated there is a meeting at Stephen Grindle's house on the 26th that is going to be an organizational meeting to discuss establishing a 501c3.

Jill Sullivan stated that if North Heights is a 501c3, then the organization can participate in the Abandoned Housing Act.

B. <u>East Town Preservation Update.</u>

Mrs. Morton stated next on the agenda was Jill Sullivan and she was going to submit her research to us on the East Town Preservation sub-committee and her nominations. The next date for the meeting of the East Town sub-committee is February 7, 2017 at 10:30 am, at Post Art Library.

Jill Sullivan stated the people who own the Unity Church property said yes to it being nominated for local designation. Dola Flake and Jill Sullivan are assisting the church in the completion of the application.

Jill said the Commission needs to discuss the nomination of the first Lead Strike as well as Rev. Harris Joplin's house. She submitted a mostly completed nomination form to Tyler. It was for the first Major lead strike not the first ever lead strike. There is no indication or hard evidence of who, when, or where lead was discovered in this area. Everything is contradictory. It is documented and clear that the first major lead strike was made by E.R. Moffet (Joplin's first Mayor) and John Bunyan Sergeant in 1870. They leased a 10-acre tract near Joplin Creek. This strike is what put Joplin on the map. There was discussion on how the story board should read and its placement.

The address for Rev. Joplin's property is south of the cemetery and near a spring. Probably, on the high ground at the edge of the timber which is would be about one block east of 4th and High Street but it is undetermined for accuracy. The Plat map of 1844 shows a corn field of about 30 acres at 4th Street and St. Louis Avenue but it does not show his cabin. Rev. Joplin never registered a claim to his land.

Mrs. Morton asked for Mrs. Sullivan's recommendation on the placement of that story board.

Mrs. Sullivan stated she had no idea.

Mrs. Morton asked for suggestions. Mr. Overstreet stated it may have been out of convenience the sign is placed where it is now because the city owns the land it is on. Mrs. Sullivan stated that the signs should be where they are conveniently seen.

Another sub-committee needs to be formed to help the East Town Preservation group. They don't understand the rules we have to follow. We can help them understand the steps it takes and the benefits of the survey.

Mrs. Sullivan stated that she would write the nomination for the Cox Place.

Item 6 – New Business

A. 2016 CLG Report.

Mrs. Morton stated that an annual CLG Report goes to SHPO and is reviewed by Mary Sayers and Rebecca Rost. Mr. Overstreet stated he provided the report to the commission in their handouts. Some of the major highlights for the year are: the Historic Preservation Plan, Review Façade Design, partnering with other organizations to put on community preservation events. We also created a sub-committee for the purpose of working with East Town, and we designated two homes as local landmarks.

Mr. Overstreet next indicated his report showed a Summary of Attendance and explained what the highlighted areas represented.

B. Request from Brad Belk -Wilder's Letter of Support.

Mrs. Morton explained that the HPS has been asked to send a letter of support for grant funding for Mike and Marsha Paulus the property owners of Wilder's Restaurant's to restore the roof top neon sign. The Missouri Neon Heritage Preservation Committee has submitted the grant request to the Route 66 Cost-Share Program. They are submitting all the paperwork, including the application, and contacted John Hipple with Sign Designs of Joplin to do the work. The application requires three to five recommendation letters in support of Mike and Marsha Paulus and their efforts to restore the neon sign.

She asked if there were any questions and added that the HPC is only endorsing the project, and not paying for any it.

There were no questions.

C. 2017 CLG Grant Status.

Mrs. Morton stated that the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will make a decision on February 3, 2017. Mrs. Morton has asked Mr. Overstreet to provide a timeline. He stated he would.

In addition, Mr. Overstreet spoke about Memorial Hall. It was included in the1983 survey but not assessed for eligibility on the National Register. He recently submitted a historic eligibility assessment form to SHPO and was notified that it is eligible for listing for National registry.

D. Request for Unity Church for Signage.

Mr. Overstreet stated that he has received a request from Unity Church for a Historic Marker. The application noted that the building was built for the First Baptist Church and later in 1922 the Joplin Women's Society moved into the building. It is already locally designated by city ordinance as The Joplin Women's Club. Mr. Overstreet will follow up with the Minister and discuss that issue along with a packet of the true history of the church.

E. Vision Joplin 2022 – Historic Preservation Sub-Committee.

Mrs. Haun stated part of the Vision 2022 Quality of Life Committee is a Historic Preservation Sub-Committee, on which she is the chair. The idea is by April or May a core group of community leaders will present recommendations to the City Council for the next 5 years. Some committees overlap with existing city boards and commissions such as HPC.

At their next meeting they will discuss an online survey, basically to get community involvement to pick five items of interest to the public in the field of historic preservation in Joplin.

Mrs. Morton stated that fortunately for the HPC, the Historic Preservation sub-committee of Vision 2022 consists of at least four current HP commissioners.

F. Discussion of PEP grant for DJA training ($9,600).

As President of the Downtown Joplin Alliane, Mrs. Haun stated the DJA has been approved to receive a PEP grant that would certify them as a Main Street Community. However, they require $9,600 as a match. The process once they provide the match funding, would take two years of building the organization and further developing the different components for a successful Main Street Organization.

Mrs. Morton stated she had spoken with SHPO officials in Jefferson City to see if the HPC could use their budget money to help in the DJA's effort and they said certainly. Mr. Overstreet is checking into this opportunity. Mr. Ramsour asked if that wasn't most of our budget. Mrs. Morton reminded the commission that if the 2017 CLG grants are awarded, there should be more finances available for helping the DJA, especially since they are a sub-committee of HPC.

Mrs. Morton asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

G. Organization of Repository for Historic Archives.

Mr. Overstreet stated that they have talked about this several times. We need to find an online vehicle to store projects we are working on so the public can access it. Mr. Fischer stated he has a friend who is an expert in digital management in archival resources. He could find out some kind of information for the Historic Preservation Commission. Mrs. Morton stated the he knows exactly what they are trying to do. Mrs. Sullivan stated it isn't just scanning it in you have to have a server, who will pay the bill? She stated there are so many little components that is required.

Next, Mrs. Morton brought up that the Mayor of the City of Joplin has asked if the Historic Preservation Commission would like a Council Liaison. The Mayor suggested Miranda Lewis or Taylor Brown. Everyone stated they would like that.

Item 7. - Other Business

A. Major and Minor Works

i. Olsson Engineering Sign Application

Mr. Overstreet stated that at the last meeting he spoke about Olsson's Sign application. Troy and Tyler met with them to go over the application and explained that they could not use the internal illuminated lettering. They would like some kind of lighting on their building. Still Pending.

ii. Creative Car Audio

Mr. Overstreet stated the same situation with Creative Car Audio. Mrs. Morton pointed out that their application showed an internally illuminated sign in the middle of their existing free standing sign.

Mr. Overstreet stated he is still working with the applicant and will keep everyone posted. Mrs. Morton asked if there was any more to discuss.

To help improve efficiency in the future with the meetings, Mr. Overstreet said the commission should be run by Roberts Rules of Order, so that outside conversation is cut out.

Mrs. Morton apologized, stating the meetings are already set out to be run using Roberts Rules of

Order, and she will run a tighter meeting.

Item 8 – Adjournment:

Mrs. Morton stated meeting was adjourned.

The meeting stood adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved _____
Nancy Morton, Chairperson

Approved _____
Lindsay Dunn, Clerk