JOPLIN | HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joplin met on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Study at Joplin City Hall at 602 South Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Jill Halbach, Ms. Emily Frankoski, Ms. Kate Detar, Dr. William Mountz and Mr. Greg Huff.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Dr. William Fischer, Lori Haun and Robert Brueckner.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Walters and Vicky Copeland were representing the City of Joplin.

Items 1. & 2. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call
Ms. Halbach opened the meeting and Vicky Copeland called the roll.

DR. MOUNTZ MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. HUFF TO EXCUSE DR. FISCHER, LORI HAUN AND ROBERT BRUECKNER. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MS. HALBACH, MS. FRANKOSKI, MR. HUFF, DR. MOUNTZ AND MS. DETAR VOTING, "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (5 IN FAVOR, 3 ABSENT).

MS. FRANKOSKI MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. HUFF TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 17,2023, WITH MS. HALBACH, MS. FRANKOSKI, MR. HUFF, DR. MOUNTZ AND MS. DETAR VOTING, "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (5 IN FAVOR, 3 ABSENT).

Item 3. Public Hearings **None**

Item 4. Budget

Mr. Walters stated there were no changes to the budget and no expenditures. There were no questions from the Commission.

Item 5. Discussion Items

a. 2023 Missouri Preservation Conference – Ms. Halbach stated the planning was well under way for the 2023 Missouri Preservation Conference and it would be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. She was preparing an email. The intention of the email was to seek sponsors for the conference. She stated there would be a session on the Union Depot at the conference. It will be limited to 20 people. All the sessions are set with presenters. Dr. Mountz asked if anyone on the Commission was presenting. Ms. Halbach stated she was presenting as well as Ms. Haun. Mr. Huff expressed interest in providing a mill working tour of the Olivia. Ms. Halbach stated she would speak to Jeff. There was a concern about insurance liability. Ms. Detar asked about a published schedule. Ms. Halbach stated it was all subject to change up until the last minute. She said the plans this year were to have it all online and people would scan QR codes instead of a bunch of programs. That way if there were cancellations or schedule changes, they will not have a bunch of programs that were incorrect. She stated it was a work in progress. Ms. Halbach asked for any other questions about the conference. Ms. Frankoski asked if the Commission would be hosting any events. Ms. Halbach stated the Commission and City dignitaries would be invited to the President's reception at the Frank Sharp house.

b. Union Depot – Ms. Halbach stated approximately 80 people were in attendance for the community input session. All the sessions went well including the tour. The Friday night session was very well attended, and they gathered a lot of information. The Brownfield assessment is ongoing as well. There was discussion involving the big tower. Ms. Halbach stated what ultimately happens with the building will be determined by the State of Missouri because they own the building. Mr. Walters stated the tower is a separate piece of property and would not be a part of any development. Ms. Halbach agreed the tower was to remain. Ms. Halbach asked for any other comments about the Union Depot.

c. JHPC Honor Awards – Mr. Walters stated we need more applications. Ms. Halbach asked how many we had received. Mr. Walters stated one. Ms. Halbach asked the Commission if everyone could email the information. She stated she would create the email and forward to the Commission. Mr. Walters stated Scottish Rite was the only application received. The building will be 100 years old this year. Mr. Walters stated if a media alert was done two weeks before any event that would be acceptable.

d. Joplin Heritage Trail Sign- Ms. Halbach stated she and Ms. Frankoski were both on the Joplin Celebrations Committee. As part of their legacy project, they were working on the Joplin Heritage Trail Sign. She stated there had already been signs go into Landreth park. There are others that had been written but not printed that will go in the East Town area and there were plans for many others to go throughout Joplin. Mr. Walters stated this would require a Certificate of Appropriateness. He stated signs are minor works that he could review. He said we could not really wait on this to have a public hearing. Mr. Walters stated he would like the blessing of the Commission to do the administrative bypass and let him review it if it was understood that all he would be reviewing is the placement to make sure those signs are not being put in a place to where they would alter, cover or conceal any feature of the park. He stated he does not regulate content. Patrick stated the Joplin Celebrations Commission would review content prior to placement. Mr. Walters stated the Parks Board own the property. There will be communication between the departments. He said he had already drafted the Certificate of Appropriateness on behalf of the City of Joplin, and he will have Patrick sign it tomorrow. Mr. Walters stated discussion items do not need motions.

Item 6. Old Business
None

Item 7. New Business
None

ITEM 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Ms. Halbach stated the Carnegie Library was in the current issue of Preservation magazine under their transitions section. It had been shared digitally. The property was not listed for sale at the time of the interview. It is currently listed for $489,000.00.

Ms. Frankoski announced Pride and Prejudice at the Cornell Complex presented by Connect to Culture. She announced several shows for March.

Ms. Detar announced a speaker on Saturday at Spiva. A historian presenting the life and work of Thomas Hart Benton.

Mr.Huff presented an update on the Olivia.

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Approved _____
Jill Halbach, Chairperson

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Vicky Copeland, Recording Secretary