JOPLIN | HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 18, 2023

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joplin met on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Joplin City Hall at 602 South Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Jill Halbach, Ms. Emily Frankoski, Dr. William Mountz, Dr. William Fischer, Mr. Robert Brueckner and Ms. Kate DeTar.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Ms. Lori Haun and Mr. Greg Huff.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Walters and Vicky Copeland represented 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. WILLIAM FISCHER MOVED, SECONDED BY MS. EMILY FRANKOWSKI TO EXCUSE MS. LORI HAUN AND MR. GREG HUFF. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MS. JILL HALBACH, DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ, DR. WILLIAM FISCHER, MS. KATE DETAR, MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER AND MS. EMILY FRANKOSKI, "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 2 ABSENT).

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. WILLIAM FISCHER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21,2023, WITH MS. JILL HALBACH, DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ, DR. WILLIAM FISCHER, MS. KATE DETAR, MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER AND MS. EMILY FRANKOSKI VOTING, "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 2 ABSENT).

Item 4. Budget

Mr. Walters stated the only expended funds were for dues and memberships. He discussed timing issues for CLG availability for funds. There were no questions from the Commission.

Item 5. Public Hearings

None

Item 6. Discussion Items

a. 2023 Missouri Preservation Conference – Ms. Halbach stated the planning was moving along. Working on the schedules.

b. 2023 Preservation Month Proclamation – Ms. Halbach stated the date would be May 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. on site at the Cornell Complex.

Item 7. Old Business

None

Item 8. New Business

a. JHPC Honor Awards-Dr. William Fischer stated the Leslie Simpson award was to recognize the contributions of an individual. The first application was Jim Beeler to recognize his work in preserving the Peace Church Cemetery. Jim Beeler received an average of 10.75 points. Application two was for Chad Stebbins recognizing his authorship of the book on the Connor Hotel and the book on Mr. Connor himself. He received an average of 12 points. The third application was for the Ellis Sisters who are historical re-enactors that have been at Murphysburg and other events many times over the years. They received an average of 10 points.

DR. WILLIAM FISCHER MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MS. JILL HALBACH, DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ, DR. WILLIAM FISCHER, MS. KATE DETAR, MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER AND MS. EMILY FRANKOSKI, "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 2 ABSENT).

Dr. William Fischer stated the next award was the Murphysburg award that would be awarded to an organization which has advanced the cause of the historic preservation of homes. The two nominations were the Joplin Arts District in their efforts in Spiva Park and their certain improvements to the park and the other nomination was for Washington Hope Center. Washington Hope Center is the organization that is rehabbing the old Washington Elementary School and transforming it into transitional housing for

women and children. So far, they have done the bottom floor and they have plans to do the top floor. This voting was not as close. The average score received by the Washington Hope Center was 9.3 and the average score for the Joplin Arts District was 4.25.

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Dr. William Fischer stated finally there was the Jeff and Carolina Neal Award. There were two nominations which were the Book House Cinema and the Scottish Rite Temple. The Book House Cinema had an average score of 11.5 and the Scottish Rite Temple had an average score of 11.3.

MS EMILY FRANKOSKI MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ TO OPEN THIS MATTER UP FOR DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MS. JILL HALBACH, DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ, DR. WILLIAM FISCHER, MS. KATE DETAR, MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER AND MS. EMILY FRANKOSKI, "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 2 ABSENT).

This matter opened for discussion.

Mr. Brueckner stated that based on the question for discussion that the Commission should only base their decision on what was on the application.

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ITEM 9. Announcements

Ms. Frankoski promoted upcoming performances at the Cornell Complex.

Ms. Detar announced the Stained Glass Theater performance of Seussical.

Dr. William Mountz promoted an event at the Heartland Opera Theater.

Mr. Brueckner announced the Loft Tours in May.

Ms. Halbach spoke about a poetry event and a silent movie showing at the Cornell Complex. She also announced Library events.

MS. EMILY FRANKOSKI MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. WILLIAM FISCHER TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MS. JILL HALBACH, DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ, DR. WILLIAM FISCHER, MS. KATE DETAR, MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER AND MS. EMILY FRANKOSKI, "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 2 ABSENT).

Approved _____
Jill Halbach, Chairperson

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Vicky Copeland, Recording Secretary