

Request for City Council Action

Date: June 30, 2015

Agenda Section: Consent No. 5	Originating Department: Planning Services
Item: Review and Action on the Preservation Commission’s Annual Certified Local Government (CLG) Report for FY 2015. No. 5.10	Approved:

Background and Summary:

The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program was established by the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 to integrate local preservation programs into the existing federal/state preservation partnership. To become certified, a local government must have a historic preservation ordinance, establish a preservation review commission, and have an active local survey program to identify historic resources. Certified Local Governments are also eligible for matching grant funds to assist in the implementation of their local preservation program.

On October 3, 1989, the Carbondale City Council adopted Ordinance No. 89-73 approving a Preservation District Ordinance, and the creation, organization, powers, and duties of the Preservation Commission. The City of Carbondale received Certified Local Government (CLG) status in September of 1990.

As part of the City of Carbondale’s responsibilities as a Certified Local Government, an annual report of the Carbondale Preservation Commission’s activities must be prepared and forwarded to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA). The Commission requests that the City Council accept and place on file the attached annual report of the Preservation Commission’s activities for FY 2015.

Attached for City Council review are the following:

1. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015 ending April 30, 2015
2. Attachment II of the Annual Report - attendance record (the remainder of the attachments are on file in the Planning Services Division)

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council move “to accept and place on file the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission’s Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2015.”

Engineering Approval Obtained	Finance Approval Obtained	Legal Approval Obtained	Approval Obtained	Manager’s Approval Obtained
Council Action: Motion by _____ 2 nd by _____ to _____				

**CITY OF CARBONDALE
PRESERVATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 ENDING APRIL 30, 2015**

1) **Certificate of Appropriateness and Certificate of Economic Hardships**

No Certificates of Appropriateness were reviewed in Fiscal Year 2015.

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2) **Local Designations:**

No Local designations were made in Fiscal Year 2015. A Historic Preservation Award was presented to the RBF Dome NFP for the Fuller Dome Home located at 407 South Forest, Carbondale, Illinois for their preservation work. During the extensive preservation process, Dome Inc. rebuilt failing structural elements, installed new skylights, refurbished sliding glass doors and windows and installed a new membrane roof.

3) **Surveys:**

The Commission began collecting information to update the 1991 survey of Carbondale, for the Fiscal Year 2015. The commissioners are each assigned a section of Carbondale to walk and note if the structures are existing, removed or have been altered. The Commission has included the data with the information from the 1991 survey.

4) **National Register:**

No activity in Fiscal Year 2015.

5) **Monitoring:**

No activity in Fiscal Year 2015.

6) **Activities:**

The following is a list of the activities and accomplishments of the Preservation Commission that occurred in Fiscal Year 2015:

- The Preservation Commission dedicated an Illinois State Historical Society marker at the site of the Carbondale College.
- Commissioner Dorothy Ittner, Commissioner Kathy Benedict, and Staff Jessica Sergeev attended the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency grant workshop.
- The Preservation Commission nominated D. Gorton and Jane Adams for the Landmarks Illinois' Driehaus Foundation Leadership Award for their continued volunteer work to promote and encourage historic preservation in the community.

- The Preservation Commission acquired a local landmark, known as the “Bomb” from a property which was to be cleared and the “Bomb” to be removed. The “Bomb” had been prominently displayed across from Carbondale Community High School and a highly trafficked intersection for more than 60 years. The “Bomb” is now protected and displayed in City Hall.
- Staff Jessica Sergeev attended the American Institute of Architects’ National Conference in Chicago and attended a session on The Role of Architects in Federal Historic Tax Credit Projects.
- The City of Carbondale has been chosen to host the Illinois Main Street and Historic Preservation State Conference. Staff has been working closely with Landmarks Illinois, Illinois Main Street, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and local volunteers in planning the conference. Commissioner Dorothy Ittner has been working with local architect Brad Kline and SIU to provide a tour of SIU for the attendees. Staff has been coordinating a Southern Illinois tour to include historical sites throughout southern Illinois.
- The Commission has begun the process to establish a Founder’s Day event. The event is proposed to be an education presentation open to the public and the possibility to expand.
- Commissioner Dorothy Ittner presented at the Neighborhood Alliance Annual Meeting.
- Commissioner Dorothy Ittner provided an article on the founding of Carbondale and the Presbyterian Church for a book to be published for Illinois State Historical Society.

7) **Additional Attachments:**

- a) New Commission Members: no new member were appointed to the Preservation Commission in Fiscal Year 2015 (*Attachment I- Commission members*).
- b) Educational / Information Meeting Attendance: Chairman Commissioner Dorothy Ittner, Commissioner Kathy Benedict, and Jessica Sergeev, Planner, attended Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Grant Workshop. Jessica Sergeev, Planner attended The Role for Architects in Federal Historic Tax Credit Project, at the AIA National Conference as listed above.
- c) Attendance Records: The attendance record for the Commission is included (*Attachment II- Attendance Records*).
- d) Copies of Commission Sponsored Publications: None
- e) Documentation of New Designation: No new designations.
- f) Copy of Commission’s Annual Report: This report shall serve as the Annual Report for the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission.

- g) The number of properties acquired by the local government and the number of properties assisted by a local grant or loan: None.

Attachment II - Attendance Records
The City of Carbondale Preservation Commission
May 2014 to April 2015 Attendance

Term Exp	Name	5/19/2014	6/16/2014	7/0/2014	8/0/2014	9/15/2014	10/20/2014	11/17/2014	12/0/2014	1/12/2015	2/9/2015	3/16/2015	4/20/2015	%
10/31/2015	Kevin Clark			No	No			P	No	P		P	P	44%
10/31/2016	Scott Comparato	P		Meeting	Meeting	P	P		Meeting	P	P			55%
10/31/2015	Dorothy Lingle Ittner	P	P			P	P	P		P	P	P	P	100%
10/31/2015	Barbara Doherty	P	P			P	P	P			P	P	P	88%
10/31/2015	John Parkinson	P	P				P	P			P	P	P	77%
10/31/2016	Jason Sigler		P			P	P			P	P	P		66%
5/1/2016	Ed Van Awken	P						P			P		P	44%
10/31/2014	Kathy Benedict	P	P			P	P	P		P	P	P	P	100%
10/31/2014	Denisa Jackson	P	P			P	P	P				P	P	77%

Legend:

P--Present

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