



**MINUTES**  
**Preservation Commission**  
**Monday, February 28, 2021**  
**City Hall/Civic Center – 7:00 p.m.**

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1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Zurlinden called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Norris-Price, Brown, Clark, Rhodes, Zurlinden, Ashby, Ittner, McCreary

**Members Absent:** Wren

**Staff Present:** Maxwell and Gibson

**Guests:** Randy Grarer, Josefina Pimintel, Kevin Clark, Tom Grant, Ed Van Awken

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2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Norris-Price moved to and was seconded by Mr. Ashby to approve the minutes of November 15, 2021.

The motion to approve the minutes passed with a unanimous voice vote.

3. **Communication and Reports:**

- a) Educational and Technical Assistance Committee- No Report
- b) Nomination and Hardship Committee -No Report
- c) Work Plan Committee

- 1. Met on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and incorporated the Preservation Plan review schedule into the work plan. Ms. Maxwell updated the work plan based on the meeting notes from the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and Mr. Wren approved the changes. Ms. Maxwell suggests extending the awards nomination deadline due to the Commission not meeting in a while. Ms. Ittner asked if there have been any new nominations and Ms. Maxwell stated that there have not been and there is a posting on the website for nominations.

- d) Annual Work Plan Monthly Review

- 1. November
  - i. Preservation News - Communique Article
  - ii. Begin Preparing FY 2022 CLG Report (05/01/21 - 04/30/22)
  - iii. Month 1 Review of Preservation Plan
- 2. December -No Meeting
- 3. January
  - i. Preservation News - Communique Article
  - ii. Preservation Awards Program: Issue Request For Nominations- There was a discussion on when the nomination need to be submitted to City Council so they could approve the nomination.
  - iii. Notification for Convening Work Plan Committee
  - iv. Month 2 Review of Preservation Plan
- 4. February

- i. Preservation News - Communique Article
  - ii. Preservation Awards Program: Promote in Advance
  - iii. Month 3 Review of Preservation Plan
- e) Certificate of Appropriateness Committee -No Report
- f) Founders' Park Subcommittee
  - a. Founders' Park Design Presentation and Request for Support – Tom Grant stated that there are a few community organization that would like to get involved with the park and the committee cannot move forward without permission from City Council on the proposed development of the park. Mr. Grant then reviewed the brochure, the design of the park and the history of Carbondale. Mr. Grant asked the Preservation Commission if they could write a letter to City Council stating they are in support of the brochure and the preliminary park concept. Mr. Rhodes asked who is funding the project and/or is there funding. Mr. Grant stated there is no funding yet but when Council gives permission for the park, the committee will start looking into grants and donations. Mr. Rhodes also asked if the park committee is firm on the name “Founders Park” and stated the name sounds dated. He suggested the name “Legacy Park” as the concept of the park is more the history of Carbondale and not just dedicated to the founding fathers of the city. Mr. Zurlinden asked if the park property has already been historically designated if not then what would be needed to make it a historic property so it would stay a park and won't be able to become something like a skate park. Mr. Grant stated that it has not been designated as a historic site. There was then a discussion on the process of designating the property. Ms. Maxwell stated that staff will draft a letter of approval of the park to go to City Council and Mr. Wren and Mr. Zurlinden will sign the letter.

There was a unanimous vote by the Preservation Committee supporting the preliminary plan for Founders Park and a letter to City Council in support. Mr. Zurlinden stated that the motion passed. Mr. Grant stated he would like the letter to be on the March 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting.

- g) Preservation Month Subcommittee -No Report

#### 4. **Comments by the Public, Commission Members, or Staff**

Ms. Brown stated that SIH has purchased the Logan House on 400 W. Oak St. and will be tearing it down. She stated that the house still has the original footprint and would like to do an impacted study and archaeological dig whenever the house will be torn down and what the process is for applying for the study. Ms. Brown also stated that SIH could pay for an historical marker to be added to the site after the house in torn down. There was then a discussion the process of applying for the impact study. Mr. Rhodes stated that for properties such as this one, there should be a demolition delay so there will be time to discover any historical artifacts. Ms. Brown asked what would be the process for the demolition delay. Mr. Zurlinden stated that the Commission needs to come up with a statute to bring to City Council. Mr. Rhodes gave advice on how to address the letter. Ms. Gibson stated that on Illinois State historic office website, the Logan House is on the National historic registry. It was agreed that Ms. Brown will write a letter on behave of the Preservation Commission.

Ms. Brown stated that she has written another historical play and will be performed at 4:00pm March 12<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Theater in Murphysboro.

Mr. Zurlinden stated any properties in the vicinity of the Logan House that need to be designated should be done so quickly as the properties on that block will most likely be sold soon. He stated the homes of 504 and 508 W. Oak are both old homes and should be considered for

preservation. Mr. Zurlinden also suggested the brick house on 503 W. Pecan and a discussion on the owner of the property to see if the property could be designated.

Mr. Randy Greves, a student from SEMO, is stating that since the properties are all in a similar area it would be best to do a district nomination and would be easier than doing individual nominations. Ms. Josefina Pimintel, a student from SEMO, stated she was doing a site preservation project on Shryock auditorium.

5. **Adjournment:**

Ms. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Ms. Norris-Price at 8:45 p.m.