



**MINUTES**  
**Preservation Commission**  
**Monday, July 17th, 2023**  
**City Hall/Civic Center – 5:30 p.m.**

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1. **Roll Call:** Ms. Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Members Present:** Rhodes, Norris-Price, Ashby, Brown, Bittle, Zurlinden, Falcone, Rye-Sanders (ex-officio)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Gibson

**Guests:** Geoff Young, Mark McDaniel

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2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Zurlinden moved to approve the minutes of May 15th, 2023, seconded by Mr. Bittle.

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

3. **Communication and Reports:**

- a. Educational and Technical Assistance Committee
  - a. No Report
- b. Nomination and Hardship Committee
  - a. No Report
- c. Work Plan Committee
  - a. No Report
- d. Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
  - a. No Report
- e. Preservation Month Subcommittee
  - a. No Report

4. **Old Business:**

- a. Mr. Rhodes mentioned elections and membership. Ms. Gibson stated that the election will be held at the next meeting held on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

5. **New Business:**

- a. Guest Speaker: City Arborist Mark McDaniel – Mr. McDaniel spoke about the process that Ameren goes through for contracting tree trimmers and trimming trees. Mr. McDaniel discussed directional pruning and the standards followed when trees are trimmed. Mr. McDaniel explained that the trimming is not done for aesthetics but for the safety of power lines and the health of the trees. There was a discussion

about the aesthetics of the tree trimming Ameren performs. There was a discussion about heritage trees and the assessment of trees.

- b. Attucks News: Update from Commissioner Brown – Ms. Brown discussed the upcoming fundraising event “Celebrating Community Voices: 1964-2023” hosted in collaboration by the Race Unity Group and CCHS Class of 1970. Ms. Brown explained that the event is to raise funds for a scholarship that is to be awarded to an African American CCHS senior. Ms. Brown spoke about the scheduled speakers and performances that will take place at the event, which will be hosted on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the First Christian Church in Carbondale. Ms. Brown made a motion for the Commission to non-fiscally sponsor the event, seconded by Mr. Zurlinden. The motion passed.
- c. Sesquicentennial Celebration: August 2023 – Ms. Gibson debriefed the Commission on the Sesquicentennial Celebration event that is to be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 and stated she would update the Commission members via email with any new developments.
- d. Discussion on condition of Woodlawn Cemetery – There was a discussion on the condition of headstones and the grounds of Woodlawn Cemetery. Ms. Brown expressed her concern about trash littering the cemetery and headstones being broken. Ms. Brown discussed the possibility of digitally cataloging the headstones or restoration that could be done to prevent further harm. Ms. Norris-Price stated that there is a cemetery record that is kept to ensure that those interred with illegible headstones are still accounted for. Ms. Norris-Price mentioned that the Commission could seek grants that assist in preservation and restoration of the cemetery. There was a discussion about a directory being made for cemetery visitors to use.
- e. NW Preservation District Discussion – Ms. Gibson gave an update on the consultants who will soon begin work on a survey of the Northwest quadrant. Ms. Gibson stated that the consultants will be researching not only structure history, but also parcel history. Mr. Zurlinden gave an overview of the intention of the Preservation District Designation.
- f. Next meeting date: August 21, 2023

**6. Comments from the Public, Commission Members, or Staff:**

- a. There were none.

**7. Adjournment:**

Ms. Norris-Price moved to adjourn, and was seconded by Mr. Zurlinden.