

Request for City Council Action

Date: November 5, 2013

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| Agenda Section: Consent Agenda No. 5 | Originating Department: City Clerk's Office |
| Item: Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees No. 5.4 | Approved: |

Background:

Attached for Council review and acceptance are minutes from the meetings of City boards, commissions and committees which have recently been sent to the City Clerk's Office.

Recommended Action:

The Council is requested to accept the following sets of minutes and place them on file:

Sustainability Commission – September 19, 2013

Preservation Commission – September 16, 2013

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

MINUTES
City of Carbondale Sustainability Commission
Thursday, September 19, 2013
City Hall / Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Ms. Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.
- Members Present:** Ms. Wagner, Mr. Kunath, Mr. Monty, Ms. Bonney, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Beck, Mr. Loos, Ms. Shimada
- Members Absent:** Mr. Stewardson,
- Staff Present:** Loren Polley
- Others Present:** Three SIUC students. Keep Carbondale Beautiful Director Sarah Heyer
- Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Loos, second by Mr. Thorne, all in favor, of approval of July 18, 2013, minutes

2. **Communications:**

Review of the current Status Report of the Former Koppers Wood-Treating Site. Discussed site education to residents.

Old Business:

Energy Committee –

Bike Path /Green Space Committee – The state is restriping on Illinois Route 13 and added bike lanes from Marion toward Poplar.

Recycling Committee – Styrofoam ban

New Business: Motion by Mr. Loos, 2nd by Mr. Beck, all in favor, to amend the logo on the website with “Sustainability Commission” over top. Motion by Mr. Loos, 2nd by Mr. Kunath, all in favor, to authorize the Chair/Ms. Wagner to send a letter to Mr. Chris Wallace to utilize an intern to gather data for a future recommended bike plan. Motion by Mr. Loos, 2nd by Mr. Kunath, all in favor, for a recommendation for the City to adopt a complete streets policy.

Adjournment: With no further business to be conducted Ms. Wagner adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

3. Respectively submitted by Loren K. Polley, City of Carbondale Staff Liaison

MINUTES

City of Carbondale Preservation Commission Monday, September 16, 2013 City Hall/Civic Center – 7:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Members Present: Benedict, Clark, Doherty, Ittner, Parkinson, Comparato (7:05)

Members Absent: Booker, Sigler, VanAwken

Staff Present: Price, Sergeev

Guests: Lee Fronabarger

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Ittner moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the minutes of June 17, 2013. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. **Communications and Reports:**

A. Educational and Technical Committee

Ms. Ittner stated that a Beatle's sign will be unveiled on Saturday that is similar to the historical signs in Carbondale. She said that some pledges have been made from a few churches that will nearly cover the cost of a sign, and that the churches should remain anonymous for now. She added that the university is also making a donation, and that she is taking the same materials over to Dr. Cheng that she had taken to Dr. Poshard so that she knows what the Commission is doing.

Mr. Parkinson stated that he doesn't think anyone has any objection to Ms. Ittner taking the materials over to Dr. Cheng on behalf of the Commission. There was none.

B. Nomination and Hardship Committee

No Report

C. Work Plan Committee

No Report

D. Certificate of Appropriateness Committee

Mr. Parkinson stated that there have been two meetings with Home Rentals about their development on Monroe Street. Following the first meeting, they came back with some changes for the second meeting, where there were some representatives of the Arbor District Neighborhood Association. No one had any complaints regarding Home Rentals' plan, and Mr. Parkinson signed a letter authorizing them to move forward. He added that the letter contains a list of conditions that enforcement will assure are adhered to. He then spoke about meeting with folks who had an idea for the land that held the former Tuscan Lodge, but said that no further talks are scheduled at this time.

Mr. Parkinson then skipped item E and went to item 4.A on the agenda.

E. Varsity Center Presentation

Mr. Peter Pirmann stated that he is the current president of Varsity Center for the Arts, and introduced the past president Jack Langowski. He stated that they were there to ask for some guidance and approval for some things they wish to do to the façade of the Varsity Theater.

Mr. Jack Langowski reviewed some history of the building, then proposed changes to the exterior of the Varsity as well as some seating changes on the interior to improve multiple venues.

There was also discussion regarding the flooding issues that occur at the Varsity during heavy rains, which has postponed moving forward on their improvement plans, and about asking the City and the public for assistance in correcting this major problem.

Mr. Parkinson stated that, since the Varsity is a designated landmark, they should move forward on their exterior façade after holding a meeting with the Certificate of Appropriateness Committee. He added that the Commission would be happy to put their support in a letter to the City, if desired. He thanked the gentlemen for coming and for their presentation.

4. Old Business:

A. Discussion on Plaques

Mr. Parkinson asked Mr. Price if the fund has actually been set up for the plaque donations.

Mr. Price responded yes, that donations should be payable to the City and sent directly to him with a notation that it is for the historic marker fund.

Mr. Parkinson stated that he would like to discuss this at the next meeting, then went back to 3.E on the agenda.

5. **New Business:**

A. Trip to Planning Services Office Preservation Files

The trip to the preservation files was postponed.

B. Preservation Commission Objectives for the Future

Mr. Parkinson asked if the budget request was approved for the spring tour.

Mr. Price responded yes.

Mr. Parkinson stated that he thinks the highway department building and the armory are interesting buildings.

Ms. Ittner stated that many have requested to see the inside of the armory in the past. She said she would like that to be investigated to see if entry could be gained for the tour. She said she would try to speak with Andy Wallace, who Mr. Price told her was the owner of the property.

Mr. Parkinson stated that Murdale Shopping Center would be another good place to go by.

Ms. Ittner stated that she and her committee would meet and discuss the prospects.

6. **Comments by the Public, Commission Members and Staff:**

There was discussion regarding the long time absence of Ms. Booker.

Mr. Parkinson announced that there was going to be a staff change.

Mr. Price introduced Jessica Sergeev as the new staff liaison to the Commission, adding that her architecture degree fits in with some of the Commission's projects. He asked Jessica to tell the Commission about herself.

Ms. Sergeev spoke about her education, her history, and stated that she is very glad for the opportunity to work with the Commission. She added that she has been in Carbondale for about 10 years, so she feels like it is home now.

Mr. Parkinson thanked Mr. Price for his service with the Commission and said that he is glad he will be staying with the City.

7. **Adjournment:**

Mr. Parkinson adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.