

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**ALTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Bader, Mary Anderson, Matt Asselmeier, Monica Mason, Diane Plummer

**ABSENT:** Jonas Janek

**Others:** Mike Harvey, Life Safety Inspector and Debbie Beck, Secretary

Before the meeting started Doug Bader made an announcement that Tom Edelman's commission expired and it was not renewed and Monica Mason's commission had expired, but she was re-appointed by Mayor Walker.

The meeting of the Alton Historical Commission was called to order by Chairman Doug Bader on Tuesday, April 07, 2015, at 8:04 a.m.

**APPLICATIONS:**

The commission took up the application for **821 Alby Street**, presented by Stephanie Mathenia for the owner Joan Madison, for vinyl siding. Mathenia stated that her contractor stated the vinyl siding was to be a dark gray, Dutch Lap. It was pointed out by the commission that Dutch Lap was not appropriate style for historical homes. Mathenia stated that she would like to restore the home to three stories, which was the original design of the home. Mathenia stated that the third floor was destroyed during a fire in the past and the owner at the time of the fire, did not restore the third floor. It was explained to Mathenia that the home is zoned as an R-2 and that the code states that a house cannot exceed 35 feet, or 2 ½ stories and she would have to request a zoning change in order to restore the third floor. She stated that they were wrapping windows and have replaced some windows in the back of the house. She stated that she needed to replace the seven windows on the sun porch. The commission just asked that when she decides to replace the windows that she duplicates the same size as the ones to be replaced to maintain the historical appearance, and that she return to the commission when she completes a building application for Building & Zoning for the window replacement. The commission then asked about the trim. Mathenia stated that the band boards and drip line would be retained and painted white. She stated that the porch is to be repaired and painted a dark gray to match the new vinyl.

Doug Bader asked if someone would entertain a motion to accept the application with the addition that the vinyl be a non-Dutch lap siding.

Mary Anderson made a motion to approve the application with the aforementioned stipulation. Diane Plummer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The commission then took up the application for **1217 State**. Peggy Dugger, Planner for Madison County Community Development, with the HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant Funds, presented the application. The owners, George Carroll and William Schmitz Jr. were also present. Dugger stated that 45 windows and two rear entry doors were to be replaced. She stated that the transom window over the front door would be staying; it would just be scraped and painted. She stated they would also be replacing the soffit. She stated that the replacement windows would be the exact size as original, and they would be double pane, double hung.

Diane Plummer made a motion to accept the application as presented. Mary Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The commission then took up the application for **1109 State St**. Peggy Dugger, Planner for Madison County Community Development, with the HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant Funds, presented the application. The owner, LaCheryl Lewis,

along with the contractor, Mike Scheffel were also present. Dugger stated that 19 windows and two doors were to be replaced. It was noted by the commission that one of the doors was an original door. Dugger stated that door will be scraped and painted to keep the original door. Scheffel stated that the roof was going to be replaced and the building was to be tuck-pointed. He stated that the concrete stairs on front of the building are to be repaired. Doug Bader stated that the roof, tuck-pointing and stair repair was maintenance and did not need to be approved by the commission. It was also brought up that there is a problem with the basement door, but it has not been decided how to fix this problem yet. Bader stated if the decision required more than maintenance work they would need to come before the commission again after they presented an application to the Building & Zoning Department.

Monica Mason made a motion to accept the application with the stipulation of the side door remaining. Matt Asselmeier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The commission then took up the application for **540 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.** Peggy Dugger, Planner for Madison County Community Development, with the HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant Funds, presented the application. The owner, Heather Mayhew, along with the contractor, Mike Scheffel were also present. Dugger stated that 18 windows and two doors were to be replaced. Mayhew stated that she did not want to lose the original doors. Dugger stated that the doors would be kept, just scraped and painted. Dugger stated that all of the windows were double pane, double hung and all replacement windows would be the size of the windows being replaced.

Monica Mason made the motion to accept the application as presented. Matt Asselmeier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS -**

#### **2014 CLG Report:**

Matt Asselmeier provided a draft for the CLG report. After looking over the report, it was noted that there were a few additions to be made.

#### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SEMINAR:**

The Energy Efficiency Historic Preservation Seminar is a two part seminar set for April 16<sup>th</sup>. The first part of the seminar, a hands-on demonstration of how to check for and remedy sources of energy loss without damaging the historic integrity of the structure is by invitation only. There have been 44 invitations sent out. Currently there have been ten yeses and four nos. The deadline for this is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

The second part of the seminar is free and open to the entire community. A flyer has been made and passed out and several different medias have been contacted to provide this invitation to the community. This portion of the seminar provides residents and property owners with reasons, strategies, and funding opportunities to improve energy efficiency while preserving the historic characteristics of the structure. This portion of the seminar will also be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Old Bakery Beer Company at 400 Landmarks Blvd. The speakers are to be Mayor Brant Walker, The EPA for Project Video on Alton, Frank Butterfield, Landmarks Illinois, Anna Margaret Barris, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Richard Reilly, Missouri Botanical Gardens, Emily Robinson, Elevate Energy, Brian Campbell, Contractor for the hands-on demonstration earlier in the day and Paul Englert, Ameren Incentives.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Doug Bader brought up the IHPA – Main St. Convention in Carbondale. He asked who would like to go and Monica Mason, Mary Anderson and Diane Plummer all stated that they would like to attend. Bader stated, if he went, he would

go separately, because he would be unable to attend the entire convention. Bader stated that he would forward the applications to reserve their spots.

Bader then stated that he has residences for the historic awards and that the commission would need to meet on April 21<sup>st</sup> to go over the list.

Asselmeier stated that the CLG Grant has been approved and will be brought before the next city council meeting. He stated that Matt Bivens is the consultant who won the bid and he will be attending the Historic Commission on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further discussion or comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie J. Beck  
Secretary.