

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ALTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Bader, Mary Anderson, Matt Asselmeier, Monica Mason, Diane Plummer and Jonas Janek

ABSENT:

Others: Debbie Beck, Secretary

The meeting of the Alton Historical Commission was called to order by Chairman Doug Bader on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:01 p.m.

Diane Plummer moved to accept the minutes as presented for June 2, 2015. Jonas Janek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Anderson moved to accept the minutes for June 10, 2015 as presented. Monica Mason seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS:

The commission took up the application for **502 – 504 Henry Street**, presented by Margaret Dugger, Planner of Madison County Community Development, and Jerome Baumann, the owner, for lead-based paint removal. Dugger stated that they would dry scrape the property, to contain the subsequent dust, and the exterior would be encapsulated with a paint product formulated to seal and treat the hazards of lead-based paint. Dugger stated that Baumann would tuck-point the property. The commission then suggested a chemical peel for the paint removal. They stated that there has been at least three property owners to use the peel with acceptable results, with no damage to the exterior bricks. Doug Bader suggested that Dugger and Baumann look over the properties that used the chemical peel and observe the results. Bader stated that, with using the chemical peel, there was a possibility that they would not have to repaint the bricks and could go with the natural brick look. Dugger stated that she would check with the contractors to see if any used the chemical peel.

Jonas Janek made a motion to accept the application as presented. Monica Mason seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The commission then took up the application for **803 Alby St.**, presented by Margaret Dugger, Planner of Madison County Community Development. Dugger stated that IHPA will not accept the windows facing Alby being replaced. She stated that the windows in the back could be replaced. Dugger stated that they have not received the final response from IHPA and would like this address tabled until she has received the final response.

Doug Bader stated that was fine and that this application would be revisited at a later date.

At this time Doug Bader stepped away from the chair to present his application for **1402 Liberty**. Mary Anderson then stepped up and Bader turned the meeting over to her.

The commission then took up the application for **1402 Liberty St.**, presented by Doug Bader, the owner of the property. Bader stated that he would like to replace a board and a post on the handrail, which are rotten. He stated that the reason he had to come to the commission is that he would like to move

the rail six inches towards the door. This would move the railing over the stairs. He would then cut a hole into the tread, place the post through the hole, and then calk the hole.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

AWARD LOGISTICS:

Mary Anderson stated that the certificate that she, Diane Plummer, and Monica Mason decided upon was "FORMAL14". She stated that they were unable to decide which font to use, because they were using their tablets and were unable to access the changes. Doug Bader provided a copy of the letter that was sent to the award winners in 2006. This letter will be used as a template for the 2015 award recipients. Debbie Beck then reported that she had gone through the Madison County Parcel ID Lookup and needed some clarification with the ownership of a couple of the properties. Bader then asked how many award certificates were to be given out and Anderson stated it looked to be twenty-two. Bader stated that he has not talked to the mayor yet, but with that number of certificates to be given out, it would probably be better to stretch it out over two council meetings. A discussion then ensued concerning how to present the properties, whether to place them on ELMO (the projector in the Council Chambers) or power point. It was then discovered that photographs of two of the properties were still needed.

HOUSE INVENTORY PHOTOS:

Doug Bader stated that he had tried to contact Lacey McDonald, Genealogy & Local History Manager and was told that McDonald is on leave until the middle of July. He stated that he would wait until McDonald returned to work and then contact her.

In other news, Matt Asselmeier asked Bader if he knew what plans Landmarks Association had for 522-524 Belle, which Landmarks had put up for sale. Bader stated that he would check with the association and bring that to the commission at a later date.

Bader then asked if Monica Mason was prepared for her speech about the Haskell Playhouse at the 3 Minute Success Stories portion of the IHPA Convention. Mason stated she had a few questions and she stated that she would contact him later to discuss the Playhouse presentation.

Bader then asked Matt Asselmeier if he knew if permits had been issued for 1128 State St, because it looks as if there is work being done on the residence. Asselmeier stated he would have an inspector go by the property.

There being no further discussion or comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie J. Beck
Secretary.