

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ALTON HISTORIC COMMISSION
Tuesday July 21st, 2015, at 7:00 pm**

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

The meeting of the Alton Historic Commission was called to order by Chairman Doug Bader at 7:01 pm July 21, 2015.

Diane Plummer moved to accept the minutes as presented from the July 7, 2015. Mary Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Anderson moved to accept the minutes as presented from the July 9, 2015 Sub-Committee meeting. Matt Asselmeier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Doug Bader wanted to reiterate to the commission that the Sub-Committee stressed to the applicants' contractors that the Historical Commission favored wood windows be replaced with wood windows. Bader stated that the contractors stated they understood and would relay the message to the owner.

APPLICATIONS:

The applicant for **925 Langdon** was not present, therefore the application was tabled.

The commission then took up the application for **201 E. Broadway**, commonly known as The Cracker Factory, presented by Mike Kelly, the owner of the property. Kelly presented two sketches (proposed changes to the façade and the current façade) and two photographs of the building (one from 1865 and the other from 1905). Kelly stated that, when the building was built in the 1800's, it had a masonry storefront with arched openings and small windows on the 2nd and 3rd floors. In the 1900's the owners expanded the openings, to make the windows larger. The 1905 photograph shows glass as 2/3s of the wall, with the wood panel below the window. The front of the building currently has the wood panel above the glass. He is proposing to move the wood panels down and moving the glass above the wood panels. He stated that he has traveled to other historic areas in Missouri and Illinois and found store facades with the wood panel above the windows and others with the wood panel below the windows. Kelly stated that he thought the facades with the wood panel below the glass were more elegant. Kelly stated that all of the doors are the original doors. He stated that the center two doors are currently being reconfigured from 32" to 36", but has no plans to change the two other sets of doors. He stated that the doors stand at 6'8" and will be framed in wood for the opening, which is 8'5". He stated that the center left door leads to the apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floors and the center right door leads to the commercial area on the 1st floor and lines up with the basement. He stated that the apartments are considered guest lodgings and he has already been renting them out.

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

OLD BUSINESS

HISTORIC COMMISSION AWARDS LOGISTICS:

Bader stated that the dates have been finalized for the awards. Bader then went through the names and addresses for the awards that were provided by Debbie Beck. Bader then went over the award notification letter that had been sent in 2006 and made updates to the letter. He stated that he would like for the letters to go out by the end of July.

HOUSE INVENTORY PHOTOGRAPHS:

Bader stated that Lacey McDonald was scheduled to be back to work; he would make another attempt to reach her reference the house inventory photographs.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Monica Mason noted that the Grass Roots Grocery Store is closer to being opened. They are still a few thousand dollars short of the amount they need to open, so a fund raiser is being held at the Old Bakery Brewing Co. sometime in July.

Matt Asselmeier noted that Templar Brewing Co. had received approval through the Planning Commission and was now moving from Mac's to the Old Milton School, pending City Council approval.

There being no further discussion or comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie J. Beck
Secretary