

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ALTON HISTORIC COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 01, 2015 at 8:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Bader, Mary Anderson, Diane Plummer, and Matt Asselmeier

MEMBERS ABSENT: Monica Mason and Jonas Janek

OTHERS PRESENT: None

The meeting of the Alton Historic Commission was called to order by Doug Bader at 8:00 am on September 1, 2015.

Matt Asselmeier moved to accept the minutes for the Historic Commission and the Sub-Committee as presented from the August 4, 2015. Diane Plummer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS:

No applications to be presented.

HISTORIC COMMISSION AWARDS LOGISTICS:

Doug Bader stated that Joseph Gensic, of 718 Mechanic, had called to apologize. Gensic stated that he had RSVP'd to attend the awards presentation, but had thought the presentation was on Thursday, not Wednesday. So he wanted to apologize for not being present.

Bader stated that he was contacted by a representative for the Greater Alton Community Development (GACD). Bader stated that the representative from GACD asked if a certificate could be given to the owners of 1004 and 1013 E 4th St. After a discussion amongst the commissioners, it was decided that this could be done.

Bader stated that he would like for the certificates that were not handed out to be mailed. Bader then gave the certificates to Secretary Debbie Beck to mail. Bader also requested that Beck print up a list with the categories, definition of each category, and the names and addresses that received a certificate for the category.

Bader stated that the presentation for the certificates went well, with the exception of the photographs that were placed on the overhead projector (ELMO). He stated that the photographs that were used were either 4x6's or 5x7's and glossy. Beck had a file containing 8x10's photographs of the properties. These were placed on ELMO. It was decided that the 8x10 photographs would be used for the presentation on September 9th. Bader stated that at the presentation on August 26th, Mary Anderson handed the certificates to Mayor Walker, who handed the certificate to Doug Bader and Monica Mason photographed the presentations, with Matt Asselmeier placing the photographs of the properties on ELMO. Bader stated that they would use the same routine for the 9th, with the exception of Diane Plummer taking the photographs if Mason was not present.

TRANSFER OR LOAN OF HOUSE INVENTORY PHOTOS:

It should be noted that on May 19, 2015, Doug Bader removed photographs from of properties from the 1986/87 files to show to Lacey McDonald, Genealogy & Local History Manager for the Hayner Library. Bader stated that since he had a meeting with McDonald, he wanted the records to show he was now returning these photographs. Bader stated that McDonald was excited about getting the older photographs of historical properties to add to their files. A discussion then ensued reference the procedure needed to gift these photographs to Hayner. Bader stated that he would contact IHPA to ensure that this gift would not jeopardize the CLG. Matt Asselmeier stated that a meeting would need to be made with Mayor Walker and City Attorney Megan Williams regarding record retention.

Matt Asselmeier made a motion to approve the recommendation of gifting the 1986/87 photographs of historical properties to Hayner Library, subject to the approval of the city council and Hayner Library District. Mary Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Doug Bader stated that Terry Sharp, of the Landmarks House Tour, contacted him and wanted to know if the Historical Commission would like to have an ad in their pamphlet. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to place an ad, each commissioner was to donate \$20 to cover the fee.

Mary Anderson presented a book by David Badger. This book is a pen and ink drawings of historic homes in Alton. It is for sale at the Visitor's Center for \$8.

Doug Bader stated that he had a conversation with an owner of a historic home in Alton. This owner wanted to sound out the commission on possible updates to his home. Bader had taken a picture of the property for everyone to view. The owner stated he would like to remove the Masonite asbestos shingles and replace them with vinyl siding. He also wants to remove the wooden shingles on the gables and replace them with vinyl shingles. He stated that the gutters were bad and needed to be replaced and he wanted to replace the columns on the porch with a different style. A discussion ensued and Bader stated that he would talk with the home owner and explain how the commission would like for his application to be presented.

Mary Anderson brought up 925 Langdon. The application for this property had been presented on August 4th. The contractor stated that the columns were to be replaced. Anderson stated that the columns had been replaced, but not with the same style or size that the contractor had stated they were going to use. Doug Bader stated that he would send a letter to the property owner and contractor and cite City Code 2-6-10: PENALTY:

Any person who causes the alteration or demolition of any landmark or property within a historic district without complying with the requirements of this Chapter shall be punished by fine in accordance with the provisions of Section [1-4-1](#) of this Code. Every day each violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. (Ord. 6215, 11-25-1997)

There being no further discussion, or comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie J. Beck
Secretary