



MINUTES
Preservation Commission
Monday, May 20th, 2024
City Hall/Civic Center, Room 118 – 5:30 p.m.

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1. **Roll Call:** Ms. Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Rhodes, Norris-Price, Ashby, Bittle, Zurlinden, Grant, Young, Rye-Sanders (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Brown, Falcone

Staff Present: Gibson

Guests: Ernestine Howell

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18th, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Zurlinden. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. **Communication and Reports:**

- a. Educational and Technical Assistance Committee
 - a. No Report
- b. Nomination and Hardship Committee
 - a. No Report
- c. Work Plan Committee
 - a. No Report
- d. Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
 - a. No Report
- e. Preservation Month Subcommittee
 - a. No Report

4. **Old Business:**

There was none.

5. **New Business:**

- a. Preservation Award Nominations and Selection of Winners – Ms. Gibson opened discussion on the applications received for Preservation Award Nominations. Ms. Gibson opened discussion on 206 S Poplar, which was nominated for the restoration category for interior restoration. Ms. Gibson read the application and discussed the scope of work accomplished. The Commissioners discussed the application and work completed at 206 S Poplar. Ms. Gibson opened discussion on 302 N Poplar, which was nominated for the restoration category. Ms. Gibson read the application and discussed the scope of work accomplished. The Commissioners discussed the application and

work completed at 302 N Poplar. It was noted that 302 N Poplar is within the proposed boundary of the Northwest Historic District. Ms. Gibson opened discussion on 615 S Tower, a barn which was nominated for preservation work. Ms. Gibson read the application and scope of work completed, as well as future improvements intended by the owners. The Commissioners discussed the work completed on the barn at 615 S Tower. Mr. Rhodes discussed the historical significance of the barn. Ms. Gibson opened discussion on 801 E Walnut, a commercial property which was nominated for adaptive reuse. Ms. Gibson read the application and scope of work completed at the property. The building is now being used as a resource center for community members, “TLRC” or “The Little Resource Center”. The Commissioners discussed the work completed at 801 E Walnut. Ms. Gibson opened discussion on 401 S Illinois Ave, site of the Southern Illinois Multimodal Station, which was nominated for being a compatible new construction. Ms. Gibson read the application and scope of work being completed. Mr. Rhodes recommended that this submission be tabled until the following year due to the fact that the building has not completed construction. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that the submission should be considered only after the building has been completed.

The Commissioners submitted anonymous votes for the properties they wished to be given awards, with 801 E Walnut and 615 S Tower gaining the most votes. 302 N Poplar received the next most amount of votes, followed by 206 S Poplar.

Ms. Gibson asked for a motion to accept the granting of awards.

Mr. Grant made a motion for the four nominations to be given Preservation Awards, seconded by Mr. Zurlinden. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. Comments from the Public, Commission Members, or Staff:

There were none.

7. Adjournment:

Mr. Zurlinden made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Grant.