Minutes of Regular Meeting
Joliet Historic Preservation Commission

At the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the South Wing Conference Room of the Joliet Municipal Building, 150 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois,

The following members were present: Members absent:
Hal Carlson  Michael Grady  Mike Daniels
Kevin Heinemann, Chairperson  Martha Hohisel  Gerri Eck
Sharon Merwin  Ray Skaggs

Members of the Public:

None  Michael Tannura, owner of 509 Plainfield Road, local landmark

1. DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Chairperson Kevin Heinemann opened the meeting at 7:04pm with a quorum being declared. Ms. Hohisel mentioned that Ms. Potenziani was absent due to health concerns.

2. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC and STAFF:
Martha Hohisel moved and Sharon Merwin seconded to amend the agenda to accommodate Mr. Tannura, who was present for a Certificate of Appropriateness review of 509 Plainfield Road, a local landmark.

Commissioners reviewed the CofA, in which Mr. Tannura requested to install vinyl siding over the original wood clapboard siding and cap the window trim with aluminum. Mr. Tannura noted that the paint job was failing, and that he did not want to keep painting the house from a financial point of view.

Commissioners in attendance discussed the possible issues with the paint, such as the paint job may not have been done properly, insufficient or lack of a primer, and possible lack of a vapor barrier. This property was awarded a paint grant after being named a landmark, which was ca. 2002. A number of JHPC records were available for Commissioners to review and to share with Mr. Tannura.

Mr. Tannura mentioned his reasons for installing vinyl were financial, in that he would not have to keep painting. He was interested in the Commissioners discussions on why the house was landmarked and noted that he wants the appearance of the house to stay “original”. He
did listen to Commissioners’ suggestions about increasing the longevity of paint jobs on historic homes. He also mentioned that he is working with Neighborhood Services in relation to this property.

Mr. Carlson mentioned that a quality paint job with quality paint could last some 10 – 15 years. Mr. Merwin suggested that Mr. Tannura contact two former JHPC Commissioners – Bob Nachtrieb and Mark Baker – who had personal, “hands-on,” painting experiences with their own landmarked historic homes. Ms. Merwin gave Mr. Tannura contact information for Mr. Nachtrieb.

The discussion concluded with the Commissioners and Mr. Tannura agreeing to research the matter more thoroughly and resume the discussion at a future meeting. Sharon Merwin moved and Michael Grady seconded to continue the discussion with Mr. Tannura and explore avenues for moving forward. The motion passed with all in favor.

No Certificate of Appropriateness was awarded at this time.

The meeting resumed to the normal order of the agenda.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: There was no Public Hearing.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: The minutes for the January 22, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Hal Carlson moved and JoAnn Potenziani seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

5. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Public Awareness Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

B. Nomination Committee

Cronin School – Mr. Carlson reported that there have been no new developments on placing Cronin School on the National Register of Historic Places.

Wallace House – Mr. Carlson reported that there has been no further progress made with this nomination.

C. District Committee Nothing to report at this time.

6. OLD BUSINESS Nothing to review at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS
A. **Certificate of Appropriateness for 509 Plainfield** – This was held earlier in the meeting.

B. **Election of Officers** – No election of Vice-Chairperson was held.

C. **Open Commissioners Discussions** -- Commissioners noted that the JHPC presently as two non-voting vacancies. With Ms. Hohisel resignation in March, there will be a voting vacancy. Ms. Merwin noted that she had contacted a history professor at Lewis University about these vacancies for any interest in that community.

D. **Goals and Establishment of a Five-Year Plan** -- Because the discussion of the CofA at 509Plainfield was rather lengthy, this item was not discussed. It will be placed on the March agenda.

E. **Budget** – There were not formal discussions; commissioners noted that there are no monies budgeted by the City for 2014.

F. **Lincoln Funeral Train** – The 150th anniversary of the Lincoln Funeral train through Illinois is coming up in 2015. Kevin Heinemann and Martha Hohisel shared their knowledge of this event. The train did go through Joliet, but it is not known if or how long the train may have stopped at Union Station.

G. **2013 Annual Report** – Martha Hohisel completed the 2013 Annual Report and is forwarding it to Kendall Jackson, Planning Director. It will then be sent to the IHPA in Springfield.

H. **Planning Session for March JHPC Meeting with City Staff** -- The planning session for a March meeting with City Staff and the JHPA was not completed, due to time constraint. (The 509 Plainfield CoF review took longer than expected.) Hal Carlson reiterated the views of given Martha Hohisel and John Hickman at the January meeting about the importance of meeting with key leaders to discuss the role of the JHPC and its Commissioners, as well as the JHPC role for the future.

Commissioners agreed to place this item on the March agenda.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Michael Grady moved and Hal Carlson seconded to adjourn the meeting at about 8:15pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Merwin
JHPC Commissioner