Minutes of Regular Meeting
Joliet Historic Preservation Commission

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Wednesday, October 22, 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:

John Chow  Sharon Merwin  Members absent:
Gerri Eck  JoAnn Potenziani  Harold Carlson
Michael Grady  Ray Skaggs  Mike Daniels
Kevin Heinemann, Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER: Kevin Heinemann, Chairperson.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Chairperson Kevin Heinemann declared a quorum at 7:03 p.m.

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC AND STAFF: None

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
   Mike Grady moved and John Chow seconded that the minutes of the September 24, 2014 meeting be approved as corrected. The second representative from the Rialto Square Theatre was Dale Evans. The motion passed with all voting in favor.

5. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS
   A. Public Awareness Committee will be discussed under New Business - CLG Grant
   B. Nominations Committee – None
   C. District Committee - None

6. OLD BUSINESS
   A. 2014 Goals and Establishment of a Five-Year Plan. Several ideas were discussed including:
      i. Investigate creating Conservation Districts which would have less stringent criteria for landmarking. Examples could include Mid-Century Modern, Reedswood Area, Marquette Gardens, Bungalows. All buildings would need to be at least 50 years old to be considered.
      ii. Search for properties to be “demonstration incubation projects” to spur preservation.
iii. Improve the application process for Certificates of Appropriateness to simplify it
iv. Start the survey process and preservation plan
v. Work with other governmental agencies to encourage historic preservation

7. NEW BUSINESS
   A. CLG (Certified Local Government) Grant. This is a public education grant with 30% local funding and 70% federal and state money. It was proposed that we write a grant application for educate the public about Joliet limestone buildings. It could include a speaker presenting a program at the museum and a walking tour of local buildings. Possible buildings are St. Mary Carmelite Church, Richards Street United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, Central Presbyterian Church, St. John Church, Sebring Mansion, the former Unitarian Universalist Church building (now condos) Willow Street Church (also repurposed as condos), Faith United Methodist Church, USF Motherhouse, Joliet Township High School Central Campus, Patrick Haley Mansion. The application is due November 1, 2014 [is this correct?]. Possible partners are City Center Partnership and the Joliet Area Historical Museum. Sharon Merwin agreed to write the application. Sharon Merwin moved and Mike Grady seconded that we apply for the grant pending approval of the city and applicable partners. The motion passed with all voting in favor.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
   A. Commissioner Merwin expressed concern about preservation of the Nowell Pool Bath House if the Park District’s referendum to update facilities is successful.

9. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Potenziani
JHPC Commissioner