

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting – August 20, 2019

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Aledo met in Open Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on August 20, 2019. Chairman KATE DANNER called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following commission members answered present:

Commission Members KEITH CLARK, JIM HOLMES, MARY RILLIE, and KATE DANNER were present. Member GERROD ANDRESEN, RONN DILLAVOU were excused. Member SONJIA FELL was absent. Liaison TARAH SIPES was absent.

Also present were CHRIS HAGLOCH, Mayor, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

Minutes:

Motion made by JIM HOLMES and seconded by MARY RILLIE to approve the meeting minutes of 5/21/19 & 6/13/19. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

Old Business:

Review of Restoration Project of the Soldier's & Sailor's Memorial in Monument Park: KATE DANNER reported Northwest Restoration completed the base restoration and water-proofing of the monument in early summer, 2019. MAYOR noted all three (3) layers of the steps were completed and under the \$10,000 budget line-item for a total of \$9,945.00.

MAYOR to verify on the hole on the top of the cap on the monument and report back at a later date.

Committee Reports:

National Register District Sub-Committee: (Dillavou, Andresen, Clark) – No Report.

Public Awareness Sub-Committee: (Danner, Rillie, Andresen) – No Report.

Technical Assistance Sub-Committee: (Table the selection of the sub-committee until the next meeting)

Property / Building Inventory Sub-Committee: (Table the selection of the sub-committee until the next meeting) – No Report.

Mayor requested copies of all photos archived by HPC in past to view at the September meeting.

WJ Albertson is interested in historic preservation of the building located at (Law Office building). WJ currently owns three (3) buildings in the downtown area. Hall Shoes is being discussed to split and utilize with two (2) small retail stores. He would remodel and lease out. Also, we are looking to attract young attorneys, too.

Mayor reported Mark Bieri also met with the WJ Albertson and the representative of Historic Preservation to discuss the Opera House. Discussions are being held to preserve the building, too.

New owners have purchased the old Tab & Bev's building and clean-up continues in that building.

Monument Park Sub-Committee (Holmes, Clark, Dillavou) – No Report.

New Business:

Discussion on F/Y 2020 Historic Preservation Commission Budget: MAYOR reported to begin discussion on plans for next year. Sidewalk, fencing around base of monument, and flag pole need to be installed at Monument Park. Also, we need to complete the plaqued's.

Plaqureds for RMA memorial site will now have the story boards placed on the site and to be completed this week by the City before Antique Day's.

Mayor suggested HPC discuss next year's budget to complete the Monument Park Restoration.

Sidewalk - \$10,000 MAYOR and HPC to also possibly purchase materials and retrieve volunteers to install the sidewalk.

Plaquered - \$2,500 (minimum of 8 story boards to be completed) CITY CLERK provided a draft proposal for monument park interpretive signage. The objective of the panel is to educate the public about the significance of the monument and the park. To allow the public to relate to the sacrifices made during the war and funding drive to erect the monument. The panels to also foster a sense of civic pride in the community.

Flag Pole - \$2,500 HPC also discussed if there should be 1 pole or 2 placed on the property. Suggestions were heard to place a pole on each side of the property. No final determination was voiced.

Total F/Y 2020 requested amount: \$15,000

MAYOR reported two (2) benches to be purchased by the City after the original benches were placed in the downtown area. Also, to possibly hold-off on fencing at this time. HPC debated that if the need arose at a later date can potentially install then.

Motion was by KATE DANNER and seconded by MARY RILLIE to propose \$15,000 budget FY 2020 to complete restoration of Monument Park (sidewalk, flag pole, & interpretive boards). A unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

Motion made by JIM HOLMES and seconded by KEITH CLARK to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.