

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING – September 19, 2017**

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Aledo met in Open Session in Council Chambers of the City Hall building on September 19, 2017. Chairman Ron DILLAVOU called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Committee members GERROD ANDRESEN, KEITH CLARK, KEITH CHANDLER, RONN DILLAVOU, JIM HOLMES, PEGGY SCRANTON and VERLA THOMPSON. Also in attendance were Mayor of Aledo CHRIS HAGLOCH, City Administrator ERIN KNACKSTEDT and Economic Development Coordinator TARA SIPES.

Approval of Minutes: CHANDLER made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 8 meeting as submitted, THOMPSON gave the second. A unanimous voice vote approved the minutes.

### **Old Business:**

Future Planning for Monument Park – KNACKSTEDT said that there is roughly \$27,000 left in the line item in the TIF fund. Additional funds will be budgeted in 2018 if passed by council. After the assessment the biggest repairs that need to be made are fixing the base and cleaning/closer assessment of the monument. THOMPSON made a motion that the Commission recommends that remaining funds be used to clean and or repair the monument and base in preparation for future rehabilitation of the park. If enough funds exist the four smaller monuments should be included in the scope of work. CLARK seconds the motion. Unanimous voice vote approves the motion. KNACKSTEDT and HAGLOCH suggest putting the sidewalks out for bid again for 2018 to see where the numbers come back for the work. ANDRESEN suggests that city staff also obtain price information on the benches and trash cans/signage as an alternate expenditure so that the items may be purchased as funds exist.

CHANDLER shared information on Sampson Fence out of Davenport (on Rockingham Road) as a potential vendor for the decorative fence to go around the berm at the base of the monument.

Future Planning for Committee Work – Mayor HAGLOCH would like the Commission to consider how to best memorialize the William and Vashti College/Roosevelt Military Academy property once demolition work is complete.

ANDRESEN raised the question of future historic districts. A couple possible neighborhoods were discussed– near Monument Park and SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Commission members are asked to make note of any potential areas for future discussion.

### **Committee Reports:**

National Register District Subcommittee– Ties into above conversation, see notes on question raised by ANDRESEN.

Public Awareness Subcommittee – If City Council is willing to hear the presentation, about 20 minutes should cover the presentation. The presentation would be about the work that has done so far and future plans.

Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club are have not yet heard the Downtown Aledo Historic District presentation. Don Johnson is in charge of booking speakers for the Kiwanis club.

Technical Assistance – Add How to Research Your Historic Home project and Keith Clark as a member of the committee.

Property/Building Inventory Subcommittee – Still looking for information on certain properties. KNACKSTEDT suggested that we create a property spotlight on our website. CHANDLER suggests that we include a request for information in our Bulletin. CHANDLER would like to find information on the old skating rink. CLARK spoke to Red Stancliff. Stancliff suggested a couple men that might have additional information. HAGLOCH asked the committee to make a list of properties that we would like to have information on so that we can partner with local media (WRMJ/TR) to get the word out. HOLMES asked about the Wells Lamont Glove Factory.

Monument Park Subcommittee – See Old Business. DILLAVOU asked HOLMES to be on the committee.

**New Business:**

CHANDLER asked about the Community Art Inventory and Preservation Planning project.

ANDRESEN and CLARK are forming a Facebook subcommittee under the Public Awareness Subcommittee.

A “How to Research Your Historic Home” program was discussed as a future project. The Commission would work with local experts to create a program educating homeowners on the methods that exist to research their home.

October 11 at 7pm – All Commission members are invited to attend a Mercer County, Better Together and Mercer County Historical Society meeting regarding one of the County Wide Heart and Soul Statements.

**Next Meeting:** October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Adjournment:** ANDRESEN made a motion to adjourn the meeting, CLARK gave the second. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm