The regularly scheduled meeting for the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at approximately 8:39 a.m., City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 400, with Chairperson Robert Powers presiding and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

The following Historic Preservation Commission Commissioners were present: Timothy Herold, Jan Krouse, Michael Maloof, and Chairperson Robert Powers – 4. Absent: Deborah Dougherty, Lesley Matuszak, and Geoff Smith – 3.

Staff Present: Kimberly Smith, Madeline Wolf

MINUTES

Commissioner Maloof requested the minutes be amended to include his inquiry regarding the disclosure of the disposal of ashes.

Commissioner Herold moved to approve the amended minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on April 25, 2018; seconded by Commissioner Krouse.

The motion was approved viva voce vote 4 to 0.

Commissioner Herold made a motion to move up Agenda Item No. 6, Election of Officers; seconded, by Commissioner Krouse.

The motion was approved viva voce vote 4 to 0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Maloof made a motion to DEFER the Election of Officers until the next regularly scheduled meeting due to absences; seconded, by Commissioner Herold.

The motion was approved viva voce vote 4 to 0.

Commissioner Herold made a motion to move up Agenda Item No. 5, Citizens Opportunity to Address the Commission; seconded, by Commissioner Maloof.

The motion was approved viva voce vote 4 to 0.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

After the second call, it was determined that there were no citizens who wished to address the Historic Preservation Commission at 8:45 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business Item:

Review, comment and solicitation of public remarks regarding Downtown Peoria Historic District National Register Nomination, roughly bounded by North William Kumpf Boulevard, Fulton Street, Perry Avenue, and Fayette and Water Streets.

Senior Urban Planner, Kimberly Smith, Community Development Department, read the new business item into the record.

Nick Kalogeresis, Associate Principal for the Lakota Group, provided a presentation to the commission that included the following: the purpose of the request, National Register of Historic Places, National Register Evaluation Criteria, District Period of Significance, District Inventory, Peoria National Register Historic District Boundaries, District Architecture, Project Process, and the National Register Benefits.

Commissioner Herold inquired the process to notify owners of the Historic District National Registration and how the boundaries were determined.

Mr. Kalogeresis stated, because of the number of properties, the legal notice requirement is to publish a legal notice in the local newspaper. Mr. Kalogeresis noted the final, proposed boundary was determined by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency determined that the original boundary included too
many non-contributing buildings and lots, and shrunk the boundary to include what was presented today. Also in response to Commissioner Herold, Mr. Kalogeresis said the GAR, Marquette, Women’s Club, former YMCA, and Don Meyer Temple buildings were individually listed in the National Historic District.

Chairperson Powers inquired how to proceed with façade changes for contributing buildings. Mr. Kalogeresis responded, if businesses are seeking tax credits, the façade changes must abide by standards for rehabilitation. He said the process for using state and federal funds for alteration of listed property may address adverse impacts on historic buildings. Mr. Kalogeresis said establishing a local historic district would assist with the preservation of historic building façades.

With no interest from the public to provide public testimony, Chairperson Powers closed the Public Hearing at 9:17 a.m. Commissioner Herold suggested to include the GAR, Marquette, Women’s Club, former YMCA, and Don Meyer Temple buildings to the boundary.

Commissioner Maloof echoed Commissioner Herold’s comment.

Chairperson Powers said the financial tool to assist in the preservation of historic properties would be tremendous for the community and he thanked Mr. Kalogeresis for his presentation.

**CITIZENS’ OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

There were no citizens present who wished to address the Historic Preservation Commission at 9:20 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Herold moved to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Krouse.

The motion was approved viva voce vote 4 to 0.

The Historic Preservation Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Madeline Wolf, Development Technician