

November 29, 2022

7:00-8:45 PM

Meeting of COMO Preservation (previously known as Historic Preservation Alliance of Columbia)

Columbia Public Library

Friends Room

I. Call to order by Dianna O' Brien

The sign-in sheet was passed around and the following were present: Matt Fetterly, Debby Cook, Dee Wasman, Dennis Fitzgerald, Brent Sappington, Jeff Brotemarkle, Jane Brotemarkle, Jodie Jackson Jr., Patrick Earney, Tim Dollens, Nina Sappington, Bill Boston, Jerry Benedict and Dianna O'Brien.

Dianna recapped the last meeting.

Our next meeting will be December 21 in the Friends Room at 7:00 PM.

II. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

III. Advocacy Team

Oregon family calendar showing buildings that used to be there. Buildings at least 40 years old.

Staples can print calendars.

New England Historic Preservation put teeth in setting up rules & regulations for people that own historic properties. Assist with money to help people preserve the historic elements of building.

Jerry B. Example: Buy Candlelight Lodge - need engineer, architect, help provide for loan to buyer.

IV. Sustainability Team - Elena

Long term goal – sale of architectural salvage.

Met with Pat Fowler –City Council. She suggested need to create document to the Council. We should propose to the city to continue free storage for salvage. The committee should own the salvage and keep the money from the sale of all material. The money could then be used to help people maintain their historic buildings.

Short term goal – create & maintain list of artisans and experts that work on historic homes.

National Trust has videos on historic preservation.

Bob Yapp from Hannibal does historic preservation (Belvedere School). Missouri Life 12-21 interview last year. He has videos on You Tube. He's worked with builders to preserve historic properties. He would be willing to speak to us on Zoom for free. Bob does classes for people to learn craftsmanship. Masonry and windows are primary needs.

Contact information - Bobyapp.com yapperman@msm.com

*Bob Yapp will speak to us at meeting next month via Zoom.

Could work with Career Center to teach historic preservation skills.

Jefferson City has the Golden Hammer Award.

COMO Preservation event – Lucky homeowner/video and put in on the internet (like HGTV).

Help Habitat for Humanity – older home and rehab it.

V. Outreach Team

Want to get a website for the group.

We need a volunteer to do Google calendar updates.

All minutes will be on the website.

Donate money button.

Don't know what software to use.

Dianna was interviewed on CoMo Magazine about her book and mentioned our group.

April walking tours.

Jody Jackson will be Ray Beck's biographer. He's very interested in Columbia history. List of topics for blogs of interest to our group. Regular columns. Mentioned MO 365 book by John Brown published by Reeding Press, St. Louis. Was at Missouri Book Festival in Washington, MO. We could do a similar idea for Columbia.

VI. New Business

COMO Preservation slide show of favorite photos.

Miller's Shoe Store – Broadway on corner looking toward Jesse Hall (south). 1st floor was shoe store and 2nd floor was the first office of Women's Suffrage in Missouri.

Blind Boone Home – now restored.

Water Tower- where Columbia was founded.

Belvedere Apartments on Hitt Street.

Herald Building – used to have a dome & clock on top. John Ott owns the building.

What would it take to put the dome back? Engineering has already been done.

Ernie's Restaurant

Adam's Books – when Jerry B. was a boy Adams sold gunpowder in the back.

Hall Theatre – Kronke owns. Built by Tom Hall. Art deco awning. State of the art lights in theatre.

Concrete Awnings on Broadway Downtown

Lee School

Booche's

Rag Tag Cinema – was Coca Cola Building.

Kelly Press

West Boulevard Homes

Arrow Head Motel

Barry Building

Columbia Theatre – Columbia postcard.

Haden House – first movie shown in Columbia. NE corner of 8th & Broadway.

Academic Hall and Columns- postcard.

(Two tigers and Justice statues on top of Jesse. Ceres is on top of State Capital.)

Wabash Station

Central Dairy Building

Jefferson Middle School – site of first High School.

Old Post Office – now Parks & Rec. Also the Public Library 1939-1970.

State Historical Society of Missouri

Conley House – University campus.

Read Hall – demolished summer 2022.

Neidermeyer Apartments – first female shop teacher taught woodcutting in 1930's.

First Baptist Church

Columbia Cemetery & deer

Reynolds Institute

Old Engineering Building on Quadrangle
Jesse Hall & Columns
Columbia Farmer's Market Sign
Rock Quarry Road – special scenic status.
Memorial Union Clock Tower

VII. Name of Organization

Matt F. proposed Preserve Columbia Architecture.

Discussion about COMO Preservation. Unspecific (trees, plants, water, etc.)

Dee W. proposed Historic COMO.

We will be working with other groups in Boone County and the Boone County Culture Center.

We want to center on the idea of preserving buildings.

VIII. Other business

Matt will work on the Facebook page.

Be thinking about dues – about \$15.00.

Alternative location for our meetings.

All city of Columbia meeting rooms charge \$20.00 per hour with a 2 hour minimum.

Next Meeting- December 21 at 7:00 in Columbia Public Library Friends Room – Bob Yapp Zoom