

June 20, 2023

7:00-8:45 PM

Meeting of COMO Preservation

www.comopreservation.org

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: Dianna O'Brien, Dee Wasman, Dennis Fitzgerald, Debb Wheeler, John Wetzel, Annice Wetzel, Gordon Fetterley, Terry Fetterley, Debby Cook, Nina Sappington, Nancy Wahrenbrock, Mark Wahrenbrock, Matt Fetterley, J. D. Estes, Chris Creasy, Elena Vega, Melissa Bernhardt, Janice DeRosier, Julie Plax, Dan Viets, Tim Dollens and Pamela Jones.

Announcements

** [COMO Preservation now has a Factsheet!](#)

** [COMO Preservation now has a Donate button on the website!](#)

Event Reminders:

-July 22, 2023- Meet in front of The Broadway Hotel for the Brick Streets Tour. Patrick Earney will lead the free tour. Registration is required. Sign up at: www.comopreservation.org

-July 25, 2023- Billy Polansky of the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture will present information about Henry Kirklin, skilled horticulturist and businessman who was the first black "teacher" at MU.

Future Meeting dates: July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28 and December 19 in the Friends Room of the Columbia Public Library.

II. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

III. Team Reports

Advocacy Report – The Advocacy Team's Task/Mission Statement: to encourage alternatives to demolition by providing information to property owners and protecting historic properties through discussion and engagement.

The Advocacy Team is working to learn how other cities preserve the buildings, places and spaces they love.

Education Report- The Education Team will provide information on the benefits of historic preservation as well as the history of Columbia's buildings and architecture. This will be accomplished through the use of: our website, blog, Facebook, Tours and Outreach Programs such as QR code/sign project in The District to celebrate the rich history of the buildings. Volunteers Needed: Historical Content (original and/or compiling existing content), writers and

tour guides.

Restoration Report – The Restoration Team will be the clearinghouse for information and resources to support owners of historic properties by:

- Maintaining a list of artisans, craftspeople and others with experience in caring for and researching historic properties.
- Working with experts to provide hands-on preservation training for owners of historic properties.
- Ensuring historic items from buildings to be demolished are salvaged and reused.

IV. Speaker: Matt Fetterly is a local historian, and eighth generation Boone Countian, an alumnus of Hickman High School and the University of Missouri. In addition to a collection of more than 170 books about Columbia and Boone County, he's especially interested in Black, indigenous, LGBT and cultural history including architecture, music, art, theater, and cemeteries.

Unique Architecture of Columbia

How we developed architecturally?
Columbia's population has doubled since 1987.

1940- Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital (Mizzou North) – currently being torn down. It was the first cancer hospital west of the Mississippi. Originally the building had two colors of bricks making wide stripes, but the sunlight on the bricks caused differential heating problems and the bricks had to be painted.

1820's- Gordon Cabin- log cabin was at Stephen's Lake Park, moved to Boone County History and Culture Center's Village at Boone Junction. It was made of local materials and probably by slave labor.

Many buildings have log cabins as their core.

1830's- Hunt House – SW of Columbia

1830- Greenwood

1750-1830's- Federal Style building as the first named style. Characteristics are symmetrical design with a center front door and chimneys on each end.

Settlers came from Virginia and Tennessee and wanted to build nice brick homes.

1860's-1870's -The oldest picture of Broadway was in The Statesman – 9th and Broadway.

1840- Academic Hall at MU was designed by architect Stephen Hills. He also designed the Pennsylvania and Missouri State Capitol buildings. All were either demolished or burned. The MU columns are all that remain of his architecture. Greek Revival design very like the University

of Virginia. The bricks were made on site. It reportedly took sycamore poles and 60 oxen to get the columns upright.

1870's – Maplewood- Italianate Style. Great detailing and bay windows.

Bayless House was a white Victorian style, very fancy details with a tower. It was considered to be the oldest & best-preserved Victorian home in Columbia. It was demolished in 2013. The Blind Boone house is an example of Victorian style.

1892- Herald Building was a fantastic Victorian commercial building. Home of the Columbia Herald newspaper published by E. W. Stephens. It originally had a clock tower and the top pediment was a sunburst.

1890's- Morris Frederick Bell was the architect of Jesse Hall, the Quad, Herald Building, institutional buildings like asylums, Missouri State Penitentiary and warden's house. Bell lived in Fulton.

Mr. Bell's nephew, William Garver, was an architect and the superintendent of construction for Jesse Hall and the Quadrangle.

Laws Hall – Modern style steel frame square design. It has been demolished. We need to start saving some of these designs.

The Missouri Store Building would be an example of International style.

Good Book- Why old places matter by Thompson Mayes.

V. Think about for our next meeting, July 25

We need suggestions of what we want to share and who we would like as guest speakers.