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**Community Development  
MINUTES  
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
March 9, 2011  
5:30 p.m. City Hall - Kinni Room**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Meeting convened at 5:30 p.m

**Members present:** Audrey Alton, Daniel Geister, Jeanne Zirbel, Scott Morrissette and Heidi Rushmann  
**Members absent:** Kirby Symes, excused and Betty Most, excused  
**Staff present:** Tony Steiner, City Planner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

**MSC Morrissette/Alton to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 meeting. Unanimous.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

There were no comments from the public. Staff did pass around flyers on several historic preservation conferences. If anyone is interested in going they should let staff know.

Dan inquired as to the possibility of adding to the new Glen Park sign the date of establishment. Staff will check on this.

Scott stated that he had been in contact with the owners of 811 Oak Knoll regarding a historic plaque for their home. Owners are receptive to the idea. Tony will send additional information to Scott and he will pass this along to the owners. HPC will need to know if the owners are interested soon if plaque is to be ready for May Preservation Month.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Railroad Depot Visioning**

The Commission met at 5:00 p.m. at the railroad freight house for an onsite inspection that lasted until 5:30 p.m. The HPC then reconvened at City Hall at 5:45 p.m. Heidi and Jeanne stated they met with Matt Frisbie to discuss the building. His vision is to move the building to the adjacent Moody property and develop it as a restaurant connected to the city pathway system. An addition to the building would mimic the look and feel of the old railroad station torn down in the 1960's. It was noted that a restaurateur would be needed to bring experience and capital to make it go. It was agreed that moving the building to the Moody parcel is the best solution if the land is available. Jeanne and Heidi will be meeting again with Matt to discuss further.

**Review and Discuss Procedure for Creating Historic District**

The Commission discussed the procedure for creating a Historic District as interest in this was raised at the last meeting. Discussion centered on brick houses at the corner of West Maple and Fremont Street. Staff reviewed with the HPC the 1991 inventory that documented potential West Side Residential Historic District at the corner of West Maple Street and Fremont Street. It was agreed that prior to moving further that it should be determined if there is an interest in creating a district by the property owners. Scott and Heidi know two of the property owners and will contact them to determine if there is interest. Dan will contact Madison to document advantages of creating a district and if they have examples of districts that have been created within our area.

Language for Rossel Building and Tremont Building Plaques

Members were to highlight specific uses and categories of uses they felt was important from the background research provided at February's meeting. Commission discussed categorizing uses in Tremont Building by the category of use, the number of businesses that were in that category and an example of notable uses within that category. The Commission felt they were not prepared to do this at the March meeting and deferred it to the April meeting. The Rossel Building was not discussed as the abstract had not been obtained. Betty will work on that. This will also be put back on the agenda for April.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Agenda Items for April 13, 2011

1. Language for Rossel Building and Tremont Building Plaques
2. Discussion on Creation of Historic District West Maple and Fremont St.
3. Update on Plaque for 811 Oak Knoll
4. Open House/Ice Cream Social for Railroad Warehouse/Depot

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Steiner, City Planner