

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
ST. CHARLES CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
October 3, 2012**

Members Present: Chair English, Vice Chair Schuetz, Potts, Kane, and Dechene

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Matthew O'Rourke

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was convened by Chair English at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Schuetz and seconded by Potts to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote: Unanimous; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of minutes from August 1, 2012

A motion was made by Potts and seconded by Dechene to approve the August 1, 2012 minutes of the Corridor Improvement Commission.

Voice Vote: unanimous; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

4. Discussion

A. Historic District Potential Grant Locations – Progress Report

Chair English explained that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to determine where everyone was at with contacting the owners of the properties that were identified during the historic district walk about. He asked the Commission members and Staff for updates regarding the property owners that they were going to contact.

Wilson Travel – Chair English stated that he has contacted the person who runs Wilson Travel and that they are very interested in pursuing the grant. Vice Chair Schuetz asked where

this property was located. O'Rourke stated that it is located east of the river at the corner of S. 2nd Avenue and Illinois Avenue.

Chair English stated that with the slowdown in the economy, her business has slowed and that this grant would be welcome. Vice Chair Schuetz stated the he was having trouble envisioning the property. O'Rourke stated it is across the street from the City Owned parking lot next to the Chord on Blues building.

Chair English asked if Potts could contact the owner and assist them with planning some small landscaped beds for the grant. Potts stated that she would contact the owner.

Nuova Italia – Dechene stated that she has tried repeatedly to contact the property owner and has not been able to meet with them at this point. Chair English asked if Dechene still wanted to pursue this property. Dechene stated that she will try a few more times and then the Commission could discuss alternative locations.

Town House Café – Kelly Potts stated that she had been in contact with the owner of Town House Café and that they have decided not to pursue the grant opportunity. She stated that the property owner at this time would prefer to complete the project on their own.

Lazarus House – O'Rourke stated that he spoke with the Executive Director of the Lazarus House and she stated that they would be interested in participating in the grant program. However, she stated that the Church still owns that property. She would have to see if the property owner would be interested in the grant as well. O'Rourke stated he has not heard back from them since this first conversation.

Doc Morgan – O'Rourke stated that he has spoken with Pam Bierman who represents Doc Morgan. He stated that they are interested in the program and the Bierman plans on attending the November Commission meeting.

Chair English stated at this point they should contact a couple of alternative properties since Town House is not interested and there is not a definite answer from Nuova and Lazarus house.

Kane suggested the antique store located at the corner of State and 2nd Avenues. Potts asked if this was the area in front of the Little Red School House antiques. O'Rourke stated that this was the property next to that one on the corner with large lawn area.

O'Rourke suggested the Citgo property located on 4th street and Rt. 64. He stated that there is a large greenspace area at the corner and this property and it is in a prominent location. Vice Chair Schuetz asked where the location of the property was. O'Rourke stated that it is south of the Nuova restaurant, located diagonally across the intersection from Lincoln Park.

Chair English asked if there was a general consensus to pursue contacting these properties. The Commission concurred. Chair English asked who would be willing to contact each property. Kane stated that she would be willing to contact the property owner of the

antique store at the corner of State and N. 2nd Avenues. Vice Chair Schuetz stated that he would contact the owner of the Citgo property. O'Rourke stated that he would email the Commission members the property owners contact information. Kane asked if it is possible to get copies of the marketing materials that were put together a couple of years ago. O'Rourke said he would be happy to print copies of those materials and the applications. He further stated that he can have them ready to be picked up at the front desk.

5. Additional Business

None

6. Announcement and Upcoming Meetings

Next CIC Meeting – November 7, 2012

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Schuetz and seconded by Kane to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: unanimous; Nays: None.

Motion Carried