

Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

1528 3rd Avenue

March 26, 2025

5:30 PM



Voting Members Present	Diane Oestreich Alan Carmen Zach Campbell Jeff Dismer Addison Kimmel Mark Schwiebert
Voting Members Absent	Bruce Peterson Estlin Fiegley
Staff Present	Eunice Amissah-Mensah Tanner Osing

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Oestreich called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. A motion allowing Commissioner Carmen to join the meeting virtually was made by Schwiebert and Kimmel seconded the motion. Chair Oestreich continued the meeting with the roll call.

Public Comment

None

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Dismer moved to approve the meeting minutes for February 26, 2025 with an amendment. Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Other Business/ New Business

Case 2025-01: Certificate of Appropriateness application for property at 1628 22nd Street

Amissah-Mensah presented the staff report noting staff's recommendation of approval of the described scope of work.

Dave Martin represented the applicants, Bonnie and Jason Tanamor on the request. Dave stated there are safety issues with the existing porches and noted the mismatched elements on the back porch. He noted that the back porch corner has dry rot and supports an upper-level sunroom that appears to be out of level. He also mentioned that materials have been purchased and labor arranged pending board approval.

Commissioners asked about the square column on the back porch and whether it is original. Mr. Martin indicated they want to replicate the front porch appearance on the back, including the three flutes, and make the column larger to accommodate the handrail. Commissioners suggested using synthetic wood for the base of the columns due to the potential rotting of new wood and offered architectural guidance.

Schwiebert moved to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for the described scope of work. Dismer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0. (Oestreich, Carmen, Campbell, Dismer, Kimmel and Schwiebert)

Case 2025-02: Certificate of Appropriateness application for property at 2060 16th Avenue

Amissah-Mensah presented the staff report noting staff's recommendation of approval of the described scope of work.

The applicant, Doug Martin spoke on the request. He noted that the fence is nearly complete. He explained the desire for a solid fence due to issues with kids from the school throwing things, attempted break-ins, and items being removed from their backyard. He stated that the previous fence was old and inadequate.

Commissioners asked about the material of the fence on the other side of the house.

Commissioners pointed out that plantings make the back fence less visible, while the new fence on 21st Street is very exposed and note that the original fence did not extend to the front of the house, while the new one does. The applicant explains this extension was for security after an attempted break-in. There was discussion about recessing the fence further back from the front to improve its appearance from the street. However, the applicant explained that the 4x4 posts were already installed in the current location, making moving it difficult. The presence of pavers where a portion of the fence would run also posed a challenge.

Kimmel moved to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for the fence. Schwiebert seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0. (Oestreich, Carmen, Campbell, Dismer, Kimmel and Schwiebert)

Nomination for US 67 Bridge – Community Advisory Group

Carmen moved to nominate Commissioner Schwiebert to be on the Community Advisory Group for the US 67 Bridge. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0. (Oestreich, Carmen, Campbell, Dismer, Kimmel and Schwiebert)

Other Business

Commissioner Oestreich announced that Broadway is planning a home tour for Mother's Day, May 11th, featuring historic houses in Rock Island.

Osing provided an update on the Old Chicago Historic survey.

Adjournment

Chair Oestreich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dismer moved to adjourn the meeting. Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eunice Amisah-Mensah.