

Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

1528 3rd Avenue

August 27, 2025

5:30 PM



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| Voting Members Present | Diane Oestreich Alan Carmen Jeff Dimer Mark Schwiebert Bruce Peterson Estlin Fiegley Zach Campbell Linda Anderson |
| Voting Members Absent | Addison Kimmel |
| Staff Present | Eunice Amisah-Mensah Tanner Osing |

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Oestreich called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Public Comment

Director of Operations & Administration for the Butterworth Center & Deer-Wiman House, Jan Stoffer, invited Commissioners to participate in the annual porch party at the Wiman House on Sunday, September 21 from noon to 5:00 PM. She hopes commissioners will attend to help raise public awareness about the role of Historic Preservation Commissions.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Schwiebert moved to approve the meeting minutes for June 25, 2025. Dimer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8 to 0.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing 2025-01: Landmark Designation Application for Joseph Cameron House at 516 23rd Street

Staff presented the report, noting that the Preliminary Determination Subcommittee reviewed the application, found it complete, and recommended that the Commission approve the request for designation.

Chair Oestreich asked for a motion to approve the landmark designation for 516 23rd Street. Peterson moved to approve the request. Schwiebert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 8 to 0.

Other Business/ New Business

New Business

Recommendation on contract award for the Historic Design Guidelines

Amissah-Mensah provided background information on the update to the Historic Design Guidelines. She stated that staff received five (5) bids in total and recommend awarding the contract to McGuire Igleski & Associates, Inc., an architectural firm in Evanston, Illinois for an amount of \$15,492.00.

Peterson moved to recommend that the City Council award the contract to McGuire Igleski & Associates, Inc, for an amount of \$15,492.00. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8 to 0.

Upcoming Historic Preservation Commissioner Training Series

Jan Stoffer proposed a regional series of commissioner trainings beginning in 2026, organized in partnership with the Moline and Davenport HPCs and held at the Deere Wiman House. The trainings would use NAPC resources and reduce the need for commissioners to travel to cities such as Des Moines or Springfield. Five sessions are planned. Commissioner Dimer recommended including content on the economic benefits of historic preservation. The Commission expressed general support for participating in the series.

Other Business

Commissioner Carmen reported that the State has posted a summary of public comments on the Centennial Bridge project. Commissioner Schwiebert highlighted that the document refers to the bridge as “eligible for listing on the National Register,” not formally listed, emphasizing the importance of this distinction because full listing would trigger additional protections.

Adjournment

Chair Oestreich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting. Schwiebert seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eunice Amissah-Mensah.