



**Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda  
January 28, 2026 - 5:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor,  
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners: Jeff Dismer, Addison Kimmel, Diane Oestreich, Bruce Peterson, Mark Schwiebert, Alan Carmen, Zach Campbell, Estlin Feigley, Linda Anderson

**3. Public Comment**

**4. Minutes**

- a. Approval of the November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes  
Motion: Move to approve the November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes  
VV Voice vote is needed.

**5. Other Business/New Business**

- a. Discussion on Most Significant Structures
- b. City Landmark Certificate
- c. Update New Landmark Plaque Creation

**6. Adjourn**

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**Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission Minutes**

City Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

1528 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

November 20, 2025

5:30 PM



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

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Oestreich called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes**

Carmen moved to approve the meeting minutes for August 27, 2025. Dismer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8 to 0.

**Other Business/ New Business**

New Business

Discussions

*a. Centennial Bridge Update*

Carmen provided a detailed update following the October 30th meeting of the Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

*b. Annual Post Card Reminder to Landmark & District Owners*

Commissioners discussed ways to better engage with local landmark owners. The Rock Island Preservation Society (RIPS) offered to fund annual reminder postcards to landmark property owners; the City will provide mailing addresses.

*c. New Landmark Plaque Creation*

Commissioners discussed replacing discontinued terracotta plaques with durable, cost-effective alternatives and enhancing design details.

*d. City Landmark Certificate*

Commissioners discussed bringing back paper certificates signed by the Mayor and Commission Chair for landmark owners to display inside their home.

*e. Upcoming Training Workshops*

Chair Oestreich reported on upcoming NAPC workshops beginning in February. Members expressed concerns about the workshop format, which consists of a one-hour video followed by discussion, noting limited access to recordings and dissatisfaction with the quality of some webinars.

*f. Outreach List for Potential Landmark Properties*

Commissioner Peterson suggested that the city should more actively promote the ongoing restoration of the Lagoon and Conservatory at Long View Park to raise awareness of the city's commitment to preservation. Staff will coordinate with the city's community engagement representative to highlight these efforts. Staff also provided Commissioners with an update on the Historic Design Guidelines.

*g. Updating the MoSUS List Online*

Commissioners discussed updating the Most Significant Unprotected Structures (MoSUS) List. Staff stated that a formal policy draft for submissions and standards by the January meeting.

Approval of the 2026 Public Meeting Schedule

Commissioners approved the public meeting schedule for the year 2026.

Other Business

Staff and Commissioners discussed canceling the December meeting due to holidays and limited agenda items. Commissioners briefly discussed the Open Meetings Act compliance for the commission and confirmed that they will continue attending regional events.

**Adjournment**

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

Minutes submitted by Eunice Amisah-Mensah.

## **DRAFT Program Policy & Procedures – City of Rock Island Historic Structures & Sites Inventory**

The Historic Structures & Sites Inventory establishes a framework for identifying buildings, structures, sites, and areas within the City of Rock Island that possess historic, architectural, cultural, or archaeological significance and may be eligible for local landmark designation or listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

This program replaces the former fixed “Most Significant Unprotected Structures” list with inventory aligned with the City’s adopted landmark designation standards. The inventory serves as an informational and planning tool to support voluntary designation, preservation planning, and long-term stewardship.

### Recognition Standards - Eligibility & Evaluation

To be considered for inclusion, a property must generally, be constructed in or before 1976 (or meet exceptional significance criteria) and not already be designated as a local landmark or contributing resource within a local historic district

Properties shall be evaluated using criteria that mirror the City of Rock Island’s landmark designation standards. A property may qualify under one or more of the following:

1. Possesses significant value as part of the historic, cultural, artistic, social, ethnic, or other heritage of the nation, state, or community.
2. Is associated with an important person or event in national, state, or local history.
3. Is representative of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural and/or landscape type inherently valuable for the study of a period, style, craftsmanship, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials, and retains a high degree of integrity.
4. Is a notable work of a master builder, designer, architect, or artist whose individual genius has influenced an era.
5. Is identifiable as an established and familiar visual feature of the community due to its unique location or physical characteristics.
6. Represents a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including commercial, industrial, agricultural, or infrastructure-related buildings, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.
7. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

### Classification System

Properties shall be classified into tiers to guide prioritization and future action:

Tier	Status	Requirement	What it means
Tier 1	Landmark Ready	Meet three or more evaluation criteria	Properties shall be candidates for landmark designation or National Register nomination.
Tier 2	Potentially Eligible	Meet at least two (2) evaluation criteria	Properties that may qualify, but require additional research or assessment.
Tier 3	Documented Historic Resources	Meet at least one (1) evaluation criteria	Properties that contribute to the historical development of Rock Island but may have diminished integrity or limited designation potential (valuable for planning and documentation)

### Nomination Process

The nomination, identification and documentation of significant structures and sites will be a collaborative effort among City staff, the Historic Preservation Commission, residents and any hired consultants. This approach allows the inventory to grow over time, ensures citywide coverage, and supports consistent evaluation across the City.

The program will initially be populated by transitioning properties from the former Most Significant Unprotected Structures (MoSUS) list into the new tiered system, ensuring that previously identified history is not lost.

Property owners and residents will be encouraged to nominate properties they deem to be of historic importance. Process?

For any future historic projects or surveys carried out by professional consultants, it will be standard practice that a section for tiered property nominations will be included that aligns with this program.

### Maintenance & Management of Inventory

The following practices will guide ongoing review and maintenance of the inventory and resources:

- Reassess historic resources citywide or by geographic area
- Survey efforts shall be coordinated with Certified Local Government (CLG) funding opportunities
- Properties may be reclassified as integrity conditions or research findings change
- Properties shall be removed from the inventory only if demolished or if integrity is irreversibly lost.

All identified properties shall be maintained in a centralized inventory. Records including photographs, construction dates, architectural descriptions, and evaluation notes shall be made available on the City's website.

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