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**Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda
April 29, 2026 - 5:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor,
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

4. Minutes

a. Approval of the March 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Move to approve the March 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes

VV Voice vote is needed.

5. Other Business/New Business

a. Case 2026-02: Certificate of Appropriateness application for 1301 24th Street

Motion: Move to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application for 1301 24th Street for the work as described.

RC Roll call vote is needed.

b. Presentation and Review of text draft for the Historic Design Guidelines.

c. Update on Most Significant Structures & Sites Policy

6. Adjourn

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**City of Rock Island
Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL**

March 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Oestreich called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

2. Roll Call

Chair Oestreich called the roll.

Alan Carmen, Addison Kimmel, Jeff Dismer, Bruce Peterson, Zach Campbell, Diane Oestreich, Linda Anderson, and Mark Schwiebert were present.

Estlin Fiegley was absent.

Staff present included Planning & Zoning Manager Tanner Osing.

3. Public Comment

No other public comments were made.

4. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Carmen moved to approve the meeting minutes for February 25, 2026. Schwiebert seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8 to 0.

5. Other Business/ New Business

New Business

Case 2026-01: Certificate of Appropriateness application for 1829 2nd Avenue

Osing presented the staff report noting staff's recommendation of approval of the described scope of work.

Elizabeth Tallman and Andrew Fisher spoke on the request.

Commissioners wanted to know how long the door and stoop had been at the location. The applicants stated they had no timeline to provide. Commissioner recommended mimicking the transom above the windows and doors as they are now.

Schwiebert moved to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as described and with suggestions provided by Commissioners Dismer and Campbell. Dismer

seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8 to 0. (Oestreich, Carmen, Campbell, Dimer, Kimmel, Anderson, Peterson, and Schwiebert)

CLG Grant Updates

Osing reported that the CLG grant application deadline for the historic resources marketing plan was extended to April 17th. Because the deadline falls before the next meeting, staff will seek an informal consensus from the commission via email once the final scope of work is drafted.

Other Business

Landmark Plaques

Commissioner Dimer Jeff Dimer presented samples for new landmark plaques using raw steel and copper. Commissioners preferred a bone white or light-colored background for the lettering to provide better contrast against the copper.

City Landmark Certificate

Staff is currently processing certificates for landmark owners who have not yet received them.

Highland Park Water Tanks

Commissioner Anderson raised concerns regarding the relocation of the water tanks at Highland Park. She noted there is community interest in keeping the 18th Avenue side as open park space rather than allowing commercial development. Osing clarified that while the south side of the property might be freed up once the tanks move to the north, any future development would require Commission review because the area is within a historic district.

Update on Victorian Inn Property

Osing updated the commission that the Planning and Zoning Commission followed the Preservation Commission's recommendation to pursue a Special Use Permit (likely with an owner-occupancy component). A public hearing with the Planning & Zoning Commission is scheduled for April 6th.

6. Adjournment

Schwiebert moved to adjourn. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 8-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eunice Amissah-Mensah.



Rock Island Preservation Commission
Certificate of Appropriateness Application

For office use only:

Case # _____

Date: _____

For more information, please refer to Section 8 of the Rock Island Preservation Ordinance (hard copy) or Section 11-113 in the Rock Island Code of Ordinances (www.rigov.org).

Go to www.rigov.org for online advice and downloadable design guidelines or contact city staff for additional assistance.

Landmark Address: 13th Avenue & 24 1/2 Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

Name and Address of Property Owner: City of Rock Island, Parks & Rec Dept.

Written description of each existing condition and each proposed modification. Include information relating to dimension, profile, height, materials, landscaping, location, placement, etc. Attach additional pages if needed.

The Parks and Recreation Department has replaced the playground in this location with a newer playground from the former Sports Complex. As part of this upgrade, we are required to address ADA access to the area. We would like to install an ADA concrete sidewalk (approx 96ft x 5ft wide) to a wheelchair and general seating area (approx 20ft x 10ft) for those with mobility challenges. The area will be landscaped with flower beds/planters to enhance the look of the area. A map of the area is attached for location reference. We will also be installing two handicap parking spaces in the small lot to the west of the playground. We will also install security lighting and playground signage.

◆ Attach relevant site plans, detail sketches, elevation drawings, photographs, catalog pages. ◆

Name of architect, contractor or builder: Contractor TBT or Public Works Dept.

Proposed timeline of work: Spring of 2026

My signature below indicates that I understand that any advice provided during an "Advice Session" or privately by a Rock Island Preservation Commission member is not binding pending submittal of the Certificate of Appropriateness application.

Applicant Information:

Name (Please print) John Gripp Signature: 

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Figure 1: Photo showing property from along 24th Street



Figure 2: Photo showing section of property to accommodate ADA parking spots and sidewalk



Figure 3: Photo showing section of property from corner of 13th Avenue and 24 ½ Street that will accommodate light and playground sign

