

## 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 Amissah-Mensah.