

**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 Amisah-Mensah.