

Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Community Room, Police Department
1212 5th Avenue
March 27, 2024
5:30 PM



Voting Members Present	Linda Anderson Bruce Peterson Diane Oestreich Robert Braun Alan Carmen Mark Schwiebert Deb Kuntzi
Voting Members Absent	Addison Kimmel
Associate Members Present	Jeff Dismer
Staff Present	Eunice Amissah-Mensah Tanner Osing

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Braun called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and read the roll call.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present for comment, so the meeting continued.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Schwiebert moved to approve the meeting minutes for February 28, 2024. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Other Business/New Business

a. 2024-01: Certificate of Appropriateness application for 848 20th Street

Osing read the staff report regarding an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the Hansgen House at 848 20th Street, a brick, front gabled Italianate house in the Broadway Neighborhood.

Applicant, Zach Campbell was called forward. Kuntzi asked if the fencing around the house will be 6 feet all round. Zach responded the west side of the fence is the only side that will be remain 6 feet high and stepped down once it gets to the front yard of the neighbor's property. Schwiebert asked if the fence will have a white or black finish. Zach responded a black finish has been chosen.

Chair Braun asked for a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Oestreich moved to approve the request. Schwiebert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Other Business

Status of Argus Building

Commissioner Schwiebert stated there is some activity with the Argus Building and noticed a transfer to a religious organization. He asked if there were plans for a historic designation for the Argus Building. Osing responded that it is a contributing structure in the downtown national register district.

Centennial Bridge Project

Schwiebert also stated that replacing the Centennial Bridge is being discussed within the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). He added that the bridge has historic significance to the cities of Davenport and Rock Island and the Commission should make their concern known at the preliminary stages before substantial investments are made. Schwiebert also noted that it will be disruptive to traffic on both sides of the river.

Peterson asked if there are state organizations to confer with on the project. Carmen responded that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be one to get in contact with.

Other updates

Osing stated a Request-for-Proposal (RFP) for the Old Chicago Neighborhood Survey was put out on March 22 and the applications are due before the April 24 commission meeting. Staff will provide a recommendation on who to award the contract to and the Commission will make a recommending vote to go before the City Council in May. The landmark nominations by Diane Oestreich will also be on the April agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Braun asked for a motion to adjourn. Schwiebert moved to adjourn. Kuntzi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eunice Amissah-Mensah.