

Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Human Resources Conference Room, Lower Level
(Basement), City Hall
1212 5th Avenue
April 24, 2024
5:30 PM



Voting Members Present	Linda Anderson Bruce Peterson Diane Oestreich Addison Kimmel - left at 6:16pm Alan Carmen Mark Schwiebert Deb Kuntzi
Voting Members Absent	Robert Braun
Associate Members Present	Jeff Dismer
Staff Present	Eunice Amissah-Mensah Tanner Osing

Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Anderson 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. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Other Business/New Business

a. 2024-02: Landmark designation application for 810 22nd Street

Oestreich declared a conflict of interest. Carmen stated the ordinance allows him to vote on the application. Oestreich added there are key relevant elements of the property that are present. Schwiebert lauded Oestreich for working on designating various properties owned.

Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Schwiebert moved to approve the request. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

b. 2024-03: Landmark designation application for 816 22nd Street

Oestreich added that there are key relevant elements of the property that are present much like the other properties. Addison added that having documents on the properties as a resource is important.

Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion to approve the landmark designation for 816 22nd Street. Carmen moved to approve the request. Schwiebert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

Other Business

a. Assignment of review of the Landmark application for 729 22th Street to the Preliminary Determination Subcommittee

Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion to assign the review of 729 22nd Street to the subcommittee. Schwiebert moved to assign the review of 729 22nd Street to the subcommittee. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0. Oestreich abstained from voting.

b. Assignment of review of the Landmark application for 741 22th Street to the Preliminary Determination Subcommittee

Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion to assign the review of 741 22nd Street to the subcommittee. Schwiebert moved to assign the review of 741 22nd Street to the subcommittee. Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0. Carmen abstained from voting as the property owner.

c. Review of proposed amendments to the Preservation Commission Ordinance

Osing stated previous discussions were had about updating the commission ordinance and coincides with the consolidation of the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Arts and Beautification Commission. He added there has been difficulty finding new members to serve but there is a new commissioner taking John Daly's vacancy.

He stated staff is proposing to remove the Rock Island residency requirements and making the commission open to people who are representative of the community and have the expertise that the ordinance lays out and remove the associate membership. The other update will be to change the three (3) year waiting period to a one (1) year waiting period. This matches other commissions and ordinances and considers the size of the community to allow new voices within the commission.

Oestreich stated she is glad the area of expertise was maintained. Anderson added that Associate members was initially created to train people or have people decide whether they wanted to commit to the commission.

Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion to move forward with the proposed amendments to the Preservation Commission Ordinance. Oestreich moved to approve

the request. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

New Business

Old Chicago Neighborhood Resource Survey

Osing stated that the Request-for-Proposal (RFP) did not receive any response from bidders. He added that the time table for the grant will still be met and the RFP will be reposted on the city's website. He also added that it will come back to the commission for a recommending consultant.

1918 Housing Project

Osing stated the project has gone through a review cycle, and received notification for comments from the Preservation commission and will be done during the May meeting for an official review and endorsement of the nomination.

Centennial Bridge Project

Schwiebert brought back the discussion on the replacement of the Centennial Bridge emphasizing its historic significance to the local communities. He noted the need to clarify jurisdictional roles for possibly designating the bridge as a historic structure. Carmen raised legal concerns about state law and local authority. Oestreich stated that the bridge was constructed by Rock Island, and suggested a joint historic designation with the City of Davenport's Historic Preservation.

Other Updates

Anderson stated May will be a Preservation Month and a proclamation at City Council Meeting will be appreciated. She added that the Parks and Recreation Department approached the historical preservation community locally about the little stone house due to the demolition of club house at the Saukie Golf Course. Day of caring volunteers will be present to help with throwing old things out and the demolition.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:21 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eunice Amissah-Mensah.