

Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Community Room (1st Floor), Police Department

1212 5th Avenue

July 31, 2024

5:30 PM



Voting Members Present	Bruce Peterson Diane Oestreich Alan Carmen Mark Schwiebert Jeff Dismer Zachary Campbell
Voting Members Absent	Addison Kimmel Deb Kuntzi Estlin Fiegley
Staff Present	Eunice Amissah-Mensah Miles Brainard

Call to Order and Roll Call

Temporary Chair Oestreich called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and read the roll call.

Public Comment

Alexandria Elias addressed the commission regarding the forthcoming River Edge Redevelopment Zone designation that includes a historic tax credit program. She added that the cities of Moline, East Moline and Rock Island are establishing where the boundaries will be and should include Broadway District in the City of Rock Island.

Director Brainard added that the boundaries are still being determined and noted that the zone may overlap with other economic areas, so its important to consider how this resource can be maximized.

No other comments were made, so the meeting continued.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Peterson moved to approve the meeting minutes for June 26, 2024. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

Public Hearing

a. 2024-06: Landmark Designation Application for 839 23rd Street

Alexandria Elias spoke in favor of the designation. Temporary Chair Oestreich asked for a motion to approve the landmark designation for 839 23rd Street. Schwiebert moved to approve the request. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

Other Business/ New Business

a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Peterson nominated Diane Oestreich as Chair and Carmen seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Schwiebert nominated Alan Carmen as Vice Chair. Peterson seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

b. Case 2024-04: Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement storm windows at the Murphy House, 2205 7th Avenue

The applicant, John Clark, was called forward to speak on the request. The applicant stated that the windows were going to be painted and noticed a lot of them were deteriorated. He added a few of them might need to be rebuilt.

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

c. Case 2024-05: Certificate of Appropriateness for garage door replacement at the Looney House, 1635 20th Street

Amissah-Mensah read the staff report.

The applicant, Steve Herman, was called forward to speak on the request. He stated getting the garage door fixed will allow him to use and store items safely in the garage. He added he will paint the door to match the house.

Chair Oestreich asked how the doors will open. Mr. Herman explained that the new doors will open upwards. Dimer added that the details provided give it perspective on the look and possible feel of the doors.

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

d. Assignment of review of the Landmark application for 824 20th Street to the Preliminary Determination Subcommittee

New Commissioners were elected to serve on the Preliminary Determination Subcommittee. Commissioner Carmen was nominated to serve as the third member of the Preliminary Determination Subcommittee. Commissioners Dimer and Campbell were nominated as the two (2) alternates to the subcommittee.

Chair Oestreich asked for a motion to appoint Carmen as the third member of the subcommittee and Commissioners Dimer and Campbell as the two (2) alternates to the Preliminary Determination Subcommittee. Schwiebert moved to appoint the nominees as recommended. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Schwiebert moved to assign the review of 824 20th Street to the subcommittee. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

e. Discussion on the Centennial Bridge with Illinois State Representative, Gregg Johnson

Illinois State Representative, Gregg Johnson was not present at the meeting. Director Brainard and the commissioners; however, discussed staff's position on the Centennial Bridge and the previous resolution put forward by the commission.

Adjournment

Chair Oestreich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carmen moved to adjourn the meeting. Schwiebert seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eunice Amisah-Mensah.