

Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Lower Level Conference Room (Basement), City Hall
1528 3rd Avenue
June 19, 2024
1:00 PM



Voting Members Present	Linda Anderson Bruce Peterson Diane Oestreich Alan Carmen Deb Kuntzi Jeff Dismer
Associate Members Absent	Mark Schwiebert Addison Kimmel Zachary Campbell
Staff Present	Tanner Osing Nichole Mata Jeff Laxton
Others Present	Ald. Dylan Parker Wendy Rowand Jeremy Crafton, President of the BHDA CJ Wallace, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Darius Bryjka, State Historic Preservation Office

Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM and read the roll call.

Public Comment

No general comments were made, so the meeting continued.

Other Business/ New Business

- a. Consulting Parties discussion on the City's Rehabilitation of 816 21st Street
Osing provided a short presentation on the background of the property, the scope of work and funding for the rehabilitation project. He stated that SHPO concurred with City's findings on the adverse effect of the scope of the project on the property's historical integrity. Staff and SHPO will be pursuing the rehabilitation project.

Oestreich asked if there is work being done on the interior of the house and the garage. Osing stated that there is limited work to be done on the interior and there is no work being done on the garage.

Jeremy Crafton, President of the Broadway Historic District Association, asked if the City is confident that the home will be maintained after the work is completed and

handed over to the home owner. He further expressed concerns regarding the funding being used for the project and suggested other funding alternatives be looked at to get the right job done on the house.

Additional discussion prompted by Crafton was held on the program requirements, funding sources for the project, and cost estimation methods.

Commissioner Kuntzi expressed concern with the proposed mitigation strategies and noted that the scope of work was inappropriate for a contributing structure in a historic neighborhood. She also expressed concern over the example this type of project sets for other homeowners. Other commissioners concurred.

Ald. Parker proposed an additional mitigation strategy that would include staff research into alternative revenue sources that could be considered for historically appropriate housing rehabilitation within the City.

Crafton asked the SHPO staff questions regarding correspondence with City staff. Wallace from SHPO further clarified the Section 106 process.

Further discussion was had on mitigation actions and alternatives to the scope. Oestreich expressed that she believes the mitigation action should be directly related to the present issue.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Carmen made a motion with regret that because the project undermines the historical integrity of the Broadway Historic District and has adverse effects on a contributing structure that the commission recommend against using the ARPA and IHDA funds for the currently proposed scope of work. Kuntzi seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Anderson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carmen moved to adjourn the meeting. Oestreich seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:14 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eunice Amissah-Mensah.