

Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Lower Level Conference Room (Basement), City Hall

1528 3rd Avenue

October 30, 2024

5:30 PM



Voting Members Present	Diane Oestreich Alan Carmen Zach Campbell Jeff Dismer Bruce Peterson – present at 5:40pm Estlin Fiegley
Voting Members Absent	Mark Schwiebert Addison Kimmel
Staff Present	Eunice Amissah-Mensah Tanner Osing

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Public Comment

No one from the public wished to speak so the meeting continued.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Carmen moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 25, 2024. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

Other Business/ New Business

Case 2024-06: Certificate of Appropriateness for 1203 45th Street

With the applicant not present, Carmen moved to defer consideration until a later appearance during the meeting or postpone to the next meeting. Dismer seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 5 to 0.

Case 2024-07: Certificate of Appropriateness for 1601 21st Street

Amisshah-Mensah presented the staff report noting staff's recommendation of approval of the described scope of work.

Applicant and homeowner, Karen Young, was present for the meeting. Contractor, Brian Paulsen, spoke on the request. He stated that the scope of work on the garage will be done to match the previous look and everything will be replaced as they were. The wood windows will be replaced with exact same dimensions and material.

Dismer moved to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of wood window with new wood windows. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioners commended the applicant for the effort put in to match the new work with the previous.

Case 2024-08: Certificate of Appropriateness for 1635 20th Street

Amissah-Mensah presented the staff report noting staff's recommendation of approval for the most of the work but suggests further exploration for the front door replacement described in the scope of work.

Applicant and homeowner, Steve Herman, along with contractor, Taylor Love were present to speak on the request. Mr. Herman stated that the garage door will be replaced to match the current design, material and style. He further expressed a preference for wood doors instead of fiberglass and also discussed the condition of the existing doors and the possibility of matching the design across all doors.

Commissioners weighed in on the materials and design choices, suggesting wood as the preferred option for maintaining the historical character of the property.

Carmen moved to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of the front door with a solid wood door with clear glass inserts and horizontal door panels and all the other works described in the application. Dismer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Case 2024-09: Certificate of Appropriateness for 1718 21st Street

Amissah-Mensah presented the staff report noting staff's recommendation of approval for the described scope of work.

Dismer moved to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for the composite wood bases for the columns. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Invitation to comment on AT&T Mobility LLC Project on the water tower at 1404 36th Street

Commissioners discussed the AT&T project on the water tower, noting that there are no significant historic resources nearby that would be impacted.

Carmen moved to approve the proposed work. Dismer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Discussion on Certified Local Government (CLG) grant opportunities

Osing discussed grants available for Certified Local Governments, highlighting the opportunity to apply for funding. He suggested updating the residential and commercial design guidelines as a potential project.

Commissioners discussed the need for updating the design guidelines, including addressing composite materials and providing clearer illustrations. Oestreich also suggested adding a section on building maintenance.

Discussion on local financial incentives for historic properties

Osing introduced a discussion on local financial incentives for historic property rehabilitation. He noted that the City currently does not have anything in place.

Osing outlined potential funding sources and also discussed programs in other communities. Commissioners discussed the different options, weighing in on the pros and cons of each approach. They acknowledged the city's budget constraints and competing priorities, suggesting that securing funding will require political support and creative solutions.

Other Business

The Commissioners briefly discussed the Centennial Bridge with Oestreich inquiring about any updates on a potential study session or involvement from the Rock Island Downtown Alliance.

Adjournment

Chair Oestreich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dismer moved to adjourn the meeting. Carmen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eunice Amisah-Mensah.

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