

Rock Island Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes

Council Chambers (3rd Floor), City Hall

1528 3rd Avenue

March 29, 2023

5:30 PM



Voting Members Present	Linda Anderson John Daly Bruce Peterson Diane Oestreich Mark Schwiebert
Voting Members Absent	Robert Braun Addison Kimmel Deb Kuntzi
Associate Members Present	Jeff Dismer
Associate Members Absent	None
Staff Present	Tanner Osing
Guests	None

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

There was no one present to make any general public comments. The meeting continued.

Approval of the Agenda

Schwiebert moved to approve the written agenda for March 29, 2023. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Oestreich moved to approve the minutes for January 25, 2023. Schwiebert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

Commission Membership Expired Terms:

Osing explained that there are commissioner members with terms that are set to expire and that there is a need for four (4) new commissioners. Commissioners discussed ways to advertise the vacancies.

Workshop Discussion

Commissioners reviewed a postcard for Landmark property owners and a flyer for realtors and home buyers. Osing provided an overview of the different elements included on the postcard and flyer. Vice Chair Anderson commented on the importance of notifying realtors and potential new homeowners about the Landmark status of a property. Oestreich and Schwiebert noted that an oversized postcard would be appropriate size for the amount of information included. Peterson mentioned the idea of sending out a digital flyer for realtors to include in an MLS.

Osing provided background on hosting an annual preservation workshop. Schwiebert asked about possible funding opportunities for an annual workshop. Osing responded that he can research possible sources of funds. Peterson commented on including contractors in a preservation workshop. Oestreich mentioned an idea of having a workshop in a house that was undergoing historically sensitive work. Commissioners discussed determining National Register eligibility for different neighborhoods. Oestreich also mentioned that some walking tours are now obsolete, but could be updated with new resources. Osing noted that he could engage the Rock Island Downtown Alliance on a walking tour. Vice Chair Anderson commented that a downtown walking tour would help to promote the area's listing on the National Register. Peterson mentioned the idea of putting QR Codes on individual buildings. Vice Chair Anderson discussed how a QR Code could be coordinated with the QC PastPort project.

Other Business

Osing noted that an offer was made and accepted for the vacant urban planner position.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn. Schwiebert moved to adjourn. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0 at 6:14 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tanner Osing.