

Rock Island Preservation Commission Minutes

City Hall Council Chambers
1528 3rd Avenue
April 17, 2019
5:00 PM



Voting Members Present Linda Anderson, Robert Braun, Elizabeth DeLong, Addison Kimmel, Margaret Morse, Diane Oestreich, Mark Schwiebert

Voting Members Absent John Daly, Paul Fessler

Associate Members Present Deb Kuntzi

Associate Members Absent Jeff Dismer

Staff Present Miles Brainard

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair DeLong called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM and read the roll call.

Approval of the Agenda

Oestreich moved to approve the agenda. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Brainard explained that the March meeting minutes appear to have been deleted by mistake and would need to be re-written using the audio recording of the meeting. The minutes from the March and April meetings will both be ready for approval at the May meeting.

Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Kuntzi and Scwiebert were introduced.

Old Business

Brainard gave an update on the downtown National Register Nomination District. He explained that he, the consultant, and the SHPO have been passing a nomination draft back and forth making minor edits. The district boundary, he said, was an encompassing as he thought it could be. There were a few questions about outlying buildings that were outside the boundary and Brainard explained that in each case the buildings either were ineligible or were too distant and/or isolated for inclusion.

Brainard gave an update on the CLG Grant Application for the 1918 Government Housing Multiple Properties Document. The intent of having an MPD assembled is not to gain access to tax credits, but is instead to try and encourage property owners to improve and rehabilitated their houses.

Brainard explained that the time had come to update the MoSUS. In order to do that, he asked the Commission to assist in reviewing the existing list and making documenting what had changed. The list would be divided among those members with the time to help, meaning between ten and fifteen buildings person. The Commission agreed to assist and Brainard said he would follow up in an email.

New Business

Case 2019-01: Window Repairs and Replacements at the Kelly House

Oestreich moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as outlined in the application for Case 2019-01 with the stipulation that storm windows be installed so as to limit their visual impact. Schwiebert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Case 2019-02: Basement Egress Window Installation at the Kelly House

Schwiebert moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as outlined in the application for Case 2019-02 with the stipulation that landscaping around the window well be used to camouflage the opening and reduce its visual impact. Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Case 2019-03: Walkway and Stair Replacement at the Kelly House

Schwiebert moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as outlined in the application for Case 2019-03 with the stipulation that new metal handrails (black powder coated aluminum, for example) be installed on both sides of the new stairs that are between 34 and 38 inches in height above the steps. Morse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Other Business

Schwiebert moved to elect DeLong as Commission Chair for one year. Oestreich seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Schwiebert moved to elect Braun as Commission Vice Chair for one year. Oestrich seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Oestreich discussed a property at 3500 9th Street. The property was recently rezoned from residential to industrial and narrowly avoided demolition. There is evidence to suggest that it is one of the oldest homes in Rock Island and its high level of integrity makes it worthy of preservation. Members asked if there was a course of action to be taken and Oestreich said that local landmark designation was one possibility.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Adjournment

Chair DeLong asked for a motion to adjourn. Schwiebert moved to adjourn. Braun seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0 at 6:08 PM.

Minutes submitted by Miles Brainard.