

Rock Island Preservation Commission Minutes

Council Chambers (3rd Floor), City Hall

1528 3rd Avenue

May 31, 2023

5:30 PM



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

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Braun called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM and read the roll call.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present for comment, so the meeting continued.

Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Anderson moved to approve the written agenda for May 31, 2023. Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Kimmel moved to approve the minutes for April 26, 2023. Oestreich seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

Review of the updated Broadway Historic District National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

Osing presented the staff report and noted that the consultant is working to address Commissioner's comments and suggested revisions. He also provided a timeline for updated nomination process.

Chair Braun called for a motion. Oestreich moved to recommend that the City Council endorse the updated Registration form subject to minor revisions. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Other Business

Osing and Commissioners welcomed Alan Carmen as a new commissioner to the Preservation Commission.

Kuntzi asked how property maintenance for Landmark properties and other historic structures can be better addressed. Osing noted that the Preservation Ordinance does have some teeth to address exterior alterations on Landmark properties and that the Property Maintenance Code may be used address other issues. Commissioners discussed other ways to address maintenance and neglect issues and also improving outreach to property owners.

2023 CLG Grant Application

Osing discussed a memo that was provided to Commissioners regarding the City's 2023 Certified Local Government grant application. He noted that staff is working to submit an application to conduct a historic resources survey of the Old Chicago Neighborhood.

Oestreich mentioned alternative ideas to a survey of the neighborhood including a Multiple Property Documentation of Sam Weisman properties.

Anderson mentioned that the survey project could align with other activities happening in the neighborhood and that it could help keep the City in good standing with the SHPO. Oestreich also added that the neighborhood has pockets of early workforce housing that could be easily overlooked in a survey, but represent important assets as a group. Carmen mentioned that while there has been a lot demolition in the neighborhood a survey could help bring an appreciation of what remains and also recognition of what has been lost. Kimmel added that vacant land in the neighborhood presents an opportunity to do archaeological research.

Adjournment

Chair Braun asked for a motion to adjourn. Kuntzi moved to adjourn. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0 at 6:17 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tanner Osing.