

# Rock Island Preservation Commission

**Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

**Regular Meeting Begins 4:00 p.m.**

**Personnel Conference Room  
Basement, Rock Island City Hall**

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2010 Regular Meeting
4. Case 2010-01 – Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for 201 15<sup>th</sup> Street, which is also known as the Centennial Bridge Commission Building
5. Review of Certificate of Appropriateness Flow Chart Redesign for *Residential Design Guidelines*
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment



ROCK ISLAND  
ILLINOIS

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
ROCK ISLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting

4:00 p.m.

January 27, 2010

Location: Personnel Conference Room, Rock Island City Hall, 1528 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL

Attendance:           ( X ) Present           (   ) Absent

( X ) Linda Anderson  
(   ) Steve Andich  
( X ) Bob Braun  
( X ) Lendol Calder  
( X ) David Cordes  
(   ) Kent Cornish

( X ) Jane Koski  
( X ) Mark McVey  
( X ) Tom Sparkman  
(   ) Jeff Dismer (Assoc.)  
(   ) Daryl Empen (Assoc.)  
(   ) Diane Oestreich (Assoc.)

Staff Present: Jill Doak

Others Present: None

Chairman Braun called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

**Approval of minutes of the November 18, 2009 Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Koski moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Calder and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sparkman arrived at the meeting.

**Comment on Section 106 Review for 600 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Ms. Doak gave the staff report. She said despite several additions, staff still believed 600 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as the oldest in-use school building in Rock Island and with good architectural integrity, would potentially be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. She said staff recommends the Preservation Commission comment to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency that there would be "no adverse effect" for installation of antennae of the style proposed at 600 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Commissioner Cordes said he doesn't think the consultants could do a better job of installing antennae on a building. He said they will be completely removable in the way that the units are installed.

Commissioner Calder moved to accept the staff recommendation and file a comment with IHPA that there is no adverse effect.

Commissioner Cordes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Review of Residential Design Guidelines Redesign**

Based on input from Commissioners McVey, Cordes, Anderson and Calder, small changes were made to the following pages: 7, 9, 30.

After some discussion, it was decided that the flow chart on page 5 should be more user friendly. Commissioners McVey and Calder felt it was intimidating to read. Commissioner Cordes said it reads like due process and elements should not be left out. It was decided, based on recommendations from Commissioner Calder, that emphasis be placed on certain sections using color or bold text. Commissioner Cordes suggested the most normal route of process be highlighted. Commissioner McVey said the statistic that more than 90% of COA applications are approved should be included. It was also decided the caption at the top was confusing.

Ms. Doak said changes would be made to the flow chart and resubmitted to the Commission for review. She said in the meantime, the existing chart would be handed out as needed.

**Other Business**

Ms. Doak said some suggestions for Highland Park representatives will be needed since Commissioner Anderson will have served six years and must rotate off the commission. The following names were suggested: Bernie Elliott, Stephen Warren or Kristy Nabhan-Warren, Sue Swords or Jay Swords. Commissioner Anderson said she might also turn in a couple of names.

Ms. Doak also asked Commissioners Cordes and Sparkman if they would like to be reappointed and to get back with her.

Ms. Doak noted the Rock Island Center for Math and Science travel plan forum was that evening. She said the Preservation Commission will find it notable because it will impact Highland Park and the brick streets. There was some discussion about what was included in the plan.

There being no further business, the commission adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Doak, Acting Secretary  
Rock Island Preservation Commission

## REPORT

TO: Preservation Commission

FROM: Jill Doak, Urban Planner *JD*  
Alan M. Carmen, Planning & Redevelopment Administrator *AMC*

DATE: February 11, 2010

SUBJECT: Case #2010-01 – Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for 201 15<sup>th</sup> Street, which is also known as the Centennial Bridge Commission Building

The City of Rock Island is applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a sign and two bike racks at 201 15<sup>th</sup> Street, which is currently being used as the Centennial Bridge visitor Center. These items will be installed by Public Works staff sometime between March 1 and May 1.

### QCCVB Sign

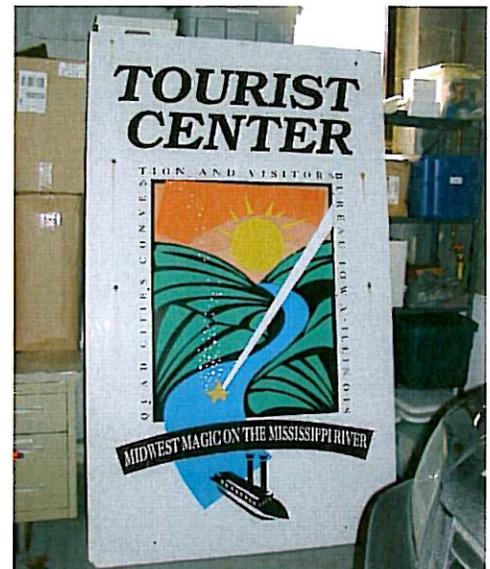
At the City's season-end meeting with Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau Visitor Counselors, the QCCVB staff noted that there has been a problem with visibility of the Center from both directions – southbound on 15<sup>th</sup> Street and northbound coming over the Centennial Bridge. The stone sign approved by the Commission in 2007 is not capturing the attention of tourists who are unfamiliar with the area. The Visitor Counselors have received many complaints from people who have passed by the Center, only to find themselves on the bridge and unable to turn off. Signage from IL-92 has also been adjusted to provide better direction as people turn onto 16<sup>th</sup> Street and loop back to 15<sup>th</sup> Street via 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.



The plastic sign, which is reused from the QCCVB location at Union Station in Davenport, will be mounted on the south wall of the garage between the western edge of the wall and the first window. The sign is 4' x 8' and the image is screened onto the board. The mounting will be simple and should cause very little damage to the walls of the building. It should also be easy to remove.

Please note that during the summer, when most tourists visit, the snow is not present. Royal Neighbors used to push the parking lot snow against the rear wall of the Centennial Bridge Commission Building, but no longer do that at the request of the City as the melting water was causing seepage in the vault and corner of the display room.

It should also be noted that a banner will be installed on the street light located in the right-of-way in front of the Center. It will be two-sided so that traffic traveling southbound off the bridge will be able to see. Since this is not on the property, it is not covered by the Certificate of Appropriateness.



The *Downtown Design Guidelines* say that the sign should not obscure or destroy architectural details. Since there is no signboard or frieze board, traditional locations are not an option. In addition, a secondary façade was selected for its location.

### Bike Racks

Two U-shaped, flange mounted bike racks will be installed in the concrete space between the Royal Neighbors wall and the driveway. The bike rack is galvanized steel and will be painted the aluminum color. The photo to the right shows a continuous rack, but the Centennial Bridge Visitor Center will have two single racks located parallel to the wall. Such racks should allow four bicycles to be accommodated. A spec sheet is also attached to this report.



The design was selected for its simplicity and the curves that could be reminiscent of both Art Moderne style and the bridge arches.

Bicycle rentals take place at the Center, which is located very close to the bicycle path. This is the only place in Rock Island where bicycles can be conveniently rented for use on the path.



The Rock Island Parks and Recreations Department staff was contacted for opinions regarding the best type of racks for longevity and security. Parks Superintendent Dick Ewald suggested galvanized steel for longevity and maintenance. Since there have been theft and vandalism problems at the Center over the past two years (vandalized front window, vandalized cigarette caddy, stolen Preserve America sign and stolen garbage bins), permanent installation of the bike racks appear to be the best option. The Parks Department informed the CED Department that bicycle racks that are not permanently mounted often disappear or are moved for pranks. For these reasons, the flange-mounted racks that would take relatively little space on the concrete pad and make little permanent damage if removed were selected. A movable rack was not considered an option due to agility and age of visitor counselors and a wall mounted rack could only be located on the garage doors, which could interfere with the mechanism of the door if vandalized.

The *Downtown Design Guidelines* do not address the placement of bicycle racks.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the Preservation Commission approve the Certificate of Appropriateness request for the wall mounted sign and bicycle racks be approved because they are positioned in secondary locations that should not damage the historic fabric and can be easily removed.



Rock Island Preservation Commission  
Certificate of Appropriateness Application

For office use only:

Case #2010-01

Date: 2-11-2010

For more information, please refer to Section 8 of the Rock Island Preservation Ordinance (hard copy) or Section 11-113 in the Rock Island Code of Ordinances ([www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org)).

Please see <http://www.rigov.org/citydepartments/ced/certifofappropriateness.html> for online advice or contact city staff for additional assistance.

Landmark Address: **201 15<sup>TH</sup> Street**

Name and Address of Property Owner: **City of Rock Island, 1528 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

Written description of each existing condition and each proposed modification. Include information relating to dimension, profile, height, materials, landscaping, location, placement, etc. Attach additional pages if needed.

**A re-used Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau sign, size 4' x 8', will be installed on the south exterior wall of the garage. The sign will not be externally lit. This is to enhance visibility, as there have been many complaints about visitors not seeing the Center as they approach the building, and then crossing over the bridge. In addition, two flange-mounted galvanized steel U-shaped bicycle racks will be installed in the concrete area between the driveway and the Royal Neighbors wall. See attached specifications.**

◆ Attach relevant site plans, detail sketches, elevation drawings, photographs, catalog pages. ◆

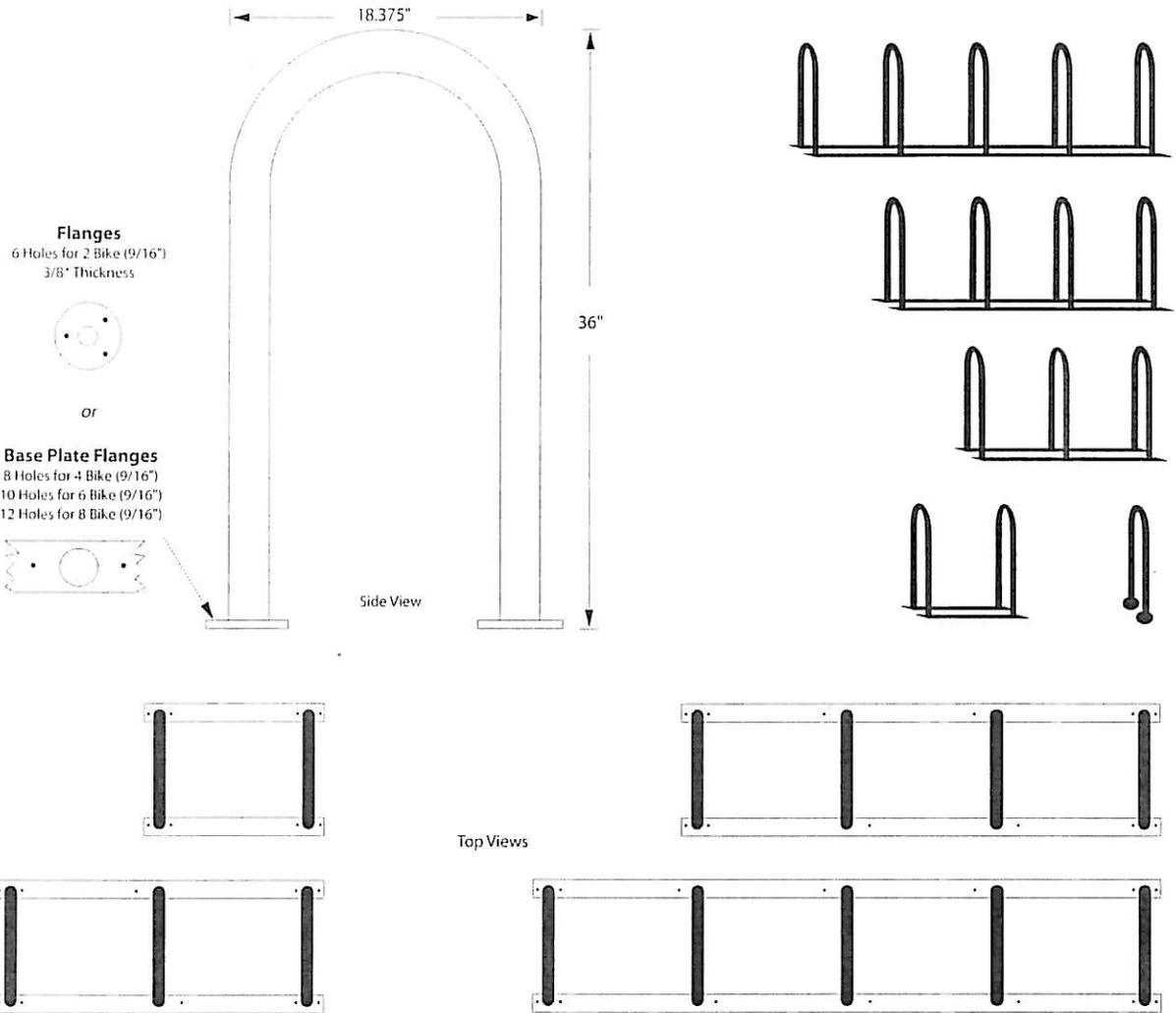
Name of architect, contractor or builder: **Installed by City of Rock Island Public Works**

Proposed timeline of work: **March – May 2010**

My signature below indicates that I understand that any advice provided during an "Advice Session" or privately by a Rock Island Preservation Commission member is not binding pending submittal of the Certificate of Appropriateness application.

Applicant Information:

**City of Rock Island**



**MATERIAL**

2 3/8" O.D. Pipe  
Schedule 40 Pipe  
.154" Wall Thickness

**FLANGE**

5" X 3/8"  
Single Rack

**BASE PLATE**

3" X 3/8" Flatbar

**OPTIONAL**

2" Square Tube

custom spacing of hoops

diagonal placement of hoops

Inground

**WELLE™ SERIES RACK SURFACE FLANGE**

Model	Mount	#Of Loops	Bike Capacity	Length	Front View
WSH3602	-SF Surface Flange	1	2	5"	
WSH3604		2	4	30"	
WSH3606	Finish	3	6	54"	
WSH3608		4	8	78"	
WSH3610		5	10	102"	

**What You Need to Know about the Certificate of Appropriateness:**

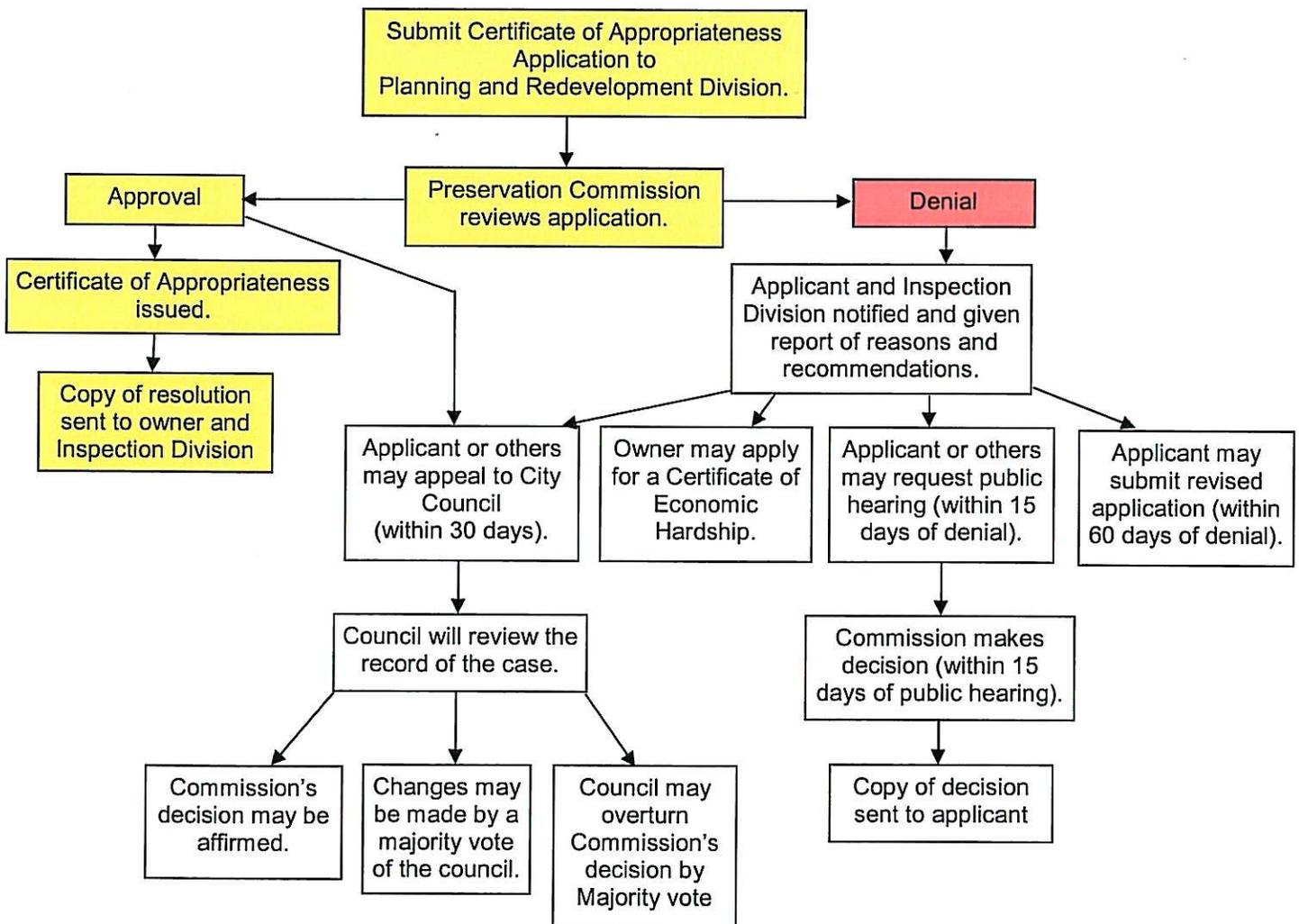
In the early stages of thinking about your project? Contact staff at 309.732.2900 or request an **“Advice Session”** with the Preservation Commission.

**Building Permits** are not issued unless the Certificate of Appropriateness is approved by the Preservation Commission or “replacement-in-kind” is verified by Planning & Redevelopment Division staff.

**Application Deadline** is 15 days before regular Commission meeting. Applicants may request a special meeting if the next meeting is more than 15 days away.

**Certificate of Appropriateness Process**

Typical COA Process



**Did you know \_\_ % of Certificate of Appropriateness applications are approved by the Preservation Commission?**