

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

Regular Meeting

4:00 p.m.

February 24, 2010

Location: Personnel Conference Room, Rock Island City Hall, 1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL

Attendance: (X) Present () Absent

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

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

Staff Present: Alan Carmen, Jill Doak

Others Present: None

Chairman Braun called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Approval of minutes of the January 27, 2010 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Cordes moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andich and passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Doak gave the staff report. She said staff recommended the commission approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the wall mounted sign on the south side of the garage and bicycle racks in the space adjacent to the Royal Neighbors wall because they are in secondary locations that should not damage the historic fabric and can be easily removed.

Associate member Oestreich noted she did not like the paired design of the bike racks because space could limit how many bicycles could be attached.

Ms. Doak explained that there are two individual bike racks and that they are not connected. She said they will be placed so several bikes can be accommodated if needed.

Associate member Oestreich asked if the rental bikes will be brought out.

Ms. Doak said the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau visitor counselors that work the summer months will probably bring them out on occasion.

Associate member Oestreich asked if the sign can be suspended from the parapet rather than mounted on the south wall.

Mr. Carmen said he is not aware of the situation of the parapet, plus the roof will be replaced this construction season.

Ms. Doak said the sign is very light-weight.

Mr. Carmen noted it would probably still need to be mounted at the bottom.

Commissioner Cordes agreed that it will still need to be mounted.

Chairman Braun said the corner selected will be the perfect place to view the sign.

Commissioner Cordes moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 201 15th Street per the stipulations in the staff report.

Commissioner Andich seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Review of Certificate of Appropriateness Flow Chart for Residential Design Guidelines

Commissioners reviewed the flow chart redesign.

Ms. Doak noted that 88% of the COAs since 1992 have been approved. After some discussion, most members wanted it left at the actual percentage rather than a vague percentage, and to not include the percentage of denials, but keep it positive on those approved.

There was some discussion about the color and font. Commissioner Calder asked that the color be changed to green to mean "go," plus yellow is supposed to be a color that encourages conflict. He also suggested type be highlighted for the most important steps. After some discussion about what was important versus not, it was decided type would be changed for approval and denial.

Associate member Oestreich asked that the COA acronym be used in the title so that it was understood in the information box.

Ms. Doak said the changes will be made and new copies of the design guidelines will be printed and distributed with the next agenda.

Other Business

Ms. Doak said the 2010 Certified Local Government grant application for the weatherization workshop was funded but the application for the National Register amendment for Old Main was not funded. She noted that IHPA said they did not fill multiple requests from any communities, and in fact reduced the amount of many of the grant applications, including the weatherization workshop. She said it was roughly \$2400 less than the amount requested and that staff will have to take time to look at the budget and see where cuts can be made. She said obvious cuts will be for the gratuities for attendees and possibly the bus tour. She said other budget shortfalls might be made up in the speaker fees.

Associate member Oestreich suggested Vince Michel or Carla Bruni could be speakers.

Ms. Doak noted that two speakers have been confirmed, and both will cost funds as they are from Missouri. She said there may not be enough to get expensive, out-of-town speakers for the other parts of the workshop. She asked for suggestions for the energy audit component and the mechanical systems component.

Mr. Carmen noted that Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds were granted to the City of Rock Island and Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation. He said there might be items reviewed by the Commission depending on what properties are affected, their locations and the work scope. He said funding must be obligated by Sept. 4 for the NSP1 application, which was \$3.1 million. He said roughly \$2.6 million will be acquisition and rehab (by GROWTH) and \$400,000 for demolition, which will be the responsibility of the City. The NSP2 funds were a GROWTH application and \$18 million was awarded for Sterling, Moline, Rock Island and IHDA partners. He said the application was for \$36 million, which means that there were proportional reductions in the project awards. This will impact the Illinois Oil Company project, but to what degree is still not known.

Mr. Carmen noted that Census forms will be delivered in mid-March. He said each person translates to about \$1,500 per year per person in funding for the City.

Ms. Doak reminded everyone of the Farnam Dinner on March 12, celebrating 150 years for Augustana College and Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann Lumber Company. She passed around invitations.

Ms. Doak noted the travel plan for Rock Island Center for Math & Science is in its final review with the committee and will probably be on an April agenda for the Rock Island – Milan School Board. She noted that

the Traffic Engineering Committee will proceed simultaneously with its items and recommendations will be packaged for City Council in the future.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan M. Carmen, Secretary
Rock Island Preservation Commission