



**APPROVED**

**MINUTES OF THE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2013  
CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS**

The Rock Island Preservation Commission held a special call meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers at 1528 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Colleen Vollman at 5:16 PM. Present were Commissioners Craig Kavensky, Italo “Lo” Milani, John Strieter, Sue Swords and Colleen Vollman. Commissioners Lendol Calder and Mark McVey arrived at 5:18 PM and Commissioner Brent Bogen arrived at 5:25 PM. Commissioner Kent Cornish was absent, as were all of the Associate Members. Also in attendance was Ben Griffith.

**PROCEDURAL EXPLANATION**

Chairman Vollman stated that all of the applicants had been present at the regular August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and stated that unless anyone present would like her to review the Certificate of Appropriateness procedures, she would forgo that portion of the meeting and move directly to the first case. Since there were no objections, she moved to the first case on the agenda.

**CASE #2013-5: CONSIDERATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR  
700 – 22<sup>nd</sup> STREET, ROCK ISLAND, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE KARPELES MUSEUM  
(FORMER FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST)**

Next there came before the Commission Case #2013-5: a request by Mr. John Snow of the Karpeles Museum to place a World War I-era cannon on the front lawn of the museum for permanent display. Mr. Snow was unable to attend and Chairman Vollman provided a brief review of the request.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Milani made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as requested. Commissioner Kavensky seconded the motion and the five members of the Commission present at the time (Kavensky, Milani, Strieter, Swords and Vollman) voted unanimously to approve the request.

**CASE #2013-6: CONSIDERATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 3912 – 8<sup>TH</sup>  
AVENUE, ROCK ISLAND, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE ANNA OLSON HOUSE**

Next there came before the Commission Case #2013-6: a request by Ms. Margaret Babbitt for an addition to the residence known as the “Anna Olson House.” Commissioner Milani recused himself from the discussion as he was architect of record for the project. Ms. Babbitt stated that the Commission had approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for a similar addition a year ago, but that it had been revised by omitting a small porch and reducing the height of the roofline so that an existing second story window would not have to be cut down.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Calder made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as requested. Commissioner Swords seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

**CASE #2013-7: CONSIDERATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 401 – 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROCK ISLAND, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH**

Next there came before the Commission Case #2013-7: a request by Ms. Amy Penry to repair the stone brick chimney at the Main Branch of the Public Library. Ms. Penry was present and Chairman Vollman provided a brief explanation of what was involved in repair of the chimney, expressing her concern over the application which called for sandblasting the stonework. She went on to explain that the stonemason was going to reshape and refurbish the stone bricks which in essence, was a replacement in kind, and that no sandblasting would be necessary.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kavensky made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as requested. Commissioner Strieter seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

**CASE #2013-8: CONSIDERATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 321 – 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROCK ISLAND, WHICH IS KNOWN AS JACKSON SQUARE (FORMER ILLINOIS OIL COMPANY BUILDING)**

Next there came before the Commission Case #2013-8: a request by Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation to add some exterior doors to Jackson Square, formerly known as the Illinois Oil Company building. Mr. Paul Fessler was present and explained that the steel-glass door was originally proposed to be moved, but now was going to remain and a new steel-glass door installed. He also explained how he intended to install a steel door in a faux EIFS door which would be painted to match the existing EIFS.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Strieter made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as requested and Commissioner Milani seconded the motion. Commissioner McVey expressed his concern about the application and what the applicant was now proposing did not match what was drafted in the proposed Resolution. Chairman Vollman asked Commissioner Strieter if he would consider amending his motion to include revising the proposed Resolution to match what the applicant was now proposing. Commissioner Strieter agreed and restated his motion, which was again seconded by Commissioner Milani. Mr.

Griffith stated that he would revise the Resolution before it was signed by the Chairman. The Commissioners then voted unanimously to approve the request.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Strieter asked about the progress of the sub-committee. Chairman Vollman answered that it was one of the subjects she wanted placed on the next agenda for discussion. She also stated that she wanted the Commissioners to think about outreach into the community, adding that she had recently visited a Highland Park neighborhood meeting and several residents requested that they have a hands-on workshop with an expert or experts in home restoration to answer questions one-on-one. Chairman Vollman stated that she was looking into having some staff members from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency visit and conduct a talk for Highland Park and other neighborhood associations.

Mr. Griffith stated that no applications had been received for the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and Chairman Vollman stated that if there were no objections, they would cancel the meeting. Mr. Griffith reported that the Comprehensive Plan survey had been extended and was still available on the City's homepage of its website. He also invited the Commissioners to attend one of the upcoming Community Visioning Workshops at the MLK Center and St. Pius Catholic Church.

Commissioner Milani stated that the Commission address how 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue was developing into a commercial corridor and how it would affect the surrounding historic neighborhoods, such as Highland Park. Mr. Griffith replied that it would be best to attend one of the Community Visioning workshops to provide input on that and other subjects.

Mr. Griffith concluded by asking the Commissioners to be mindful of *ex parte* communications and to contact the Planning Office with any questions regarding any upcoming agenda items.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Strieter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:35 PM which was seconded by Commissioner Milani. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Preservation Commission would be October 23, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Griffith". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ben Griffith, AICP