

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

Regular Meeting (rescheduled)

4:00 p.m.

November 23, 2010

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

Attendance:            ( X ) Present            (   ) Absent

( X ) Steve Andich

( X ) Bob Braun

( X ) Lendol Calder

(   ) David Cordes

( X ) Kent Cornish

( X ) Jane Koski

( X ) Mark McVey

(   ) John Strieter

( X ) Stephen Warren

(   ) Linda Anderson (Assoc.)

( X ) Jeff Dismer (Assoc.)

( X ) Daryl Empen (Assoc.)

(   ) Diane Oestreich (Assoc.)

Staff Present: Jill Doak, Ellen Adams

Others Present: Joshua Jorgensen

Chairman Braun called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of the October 27, 2010 Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Calder moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner McVey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Since the applicant for Case 2010-10 was not yet present, the commission took the next item on the agenda.

**Discussion on West End Settlement and Landmark Illinois' Ten Most Endangered Program**

Ms. Doak reported that since the writing of the agenda packet memo, city staff met with a representative from the Esquire Lodge. The Lodge was unaware that the taxes for the past two years went unpaid by DEA Partners and were purchased by Raven Securities. The property taxes for the current year are also unpaid and the total amount in back taxes on the property is about \$14,000. It is unclear how the city will move forward, but the Esquire Lodge is thankful that the issue has been exposed.

Commissioner Cornish asked if West End Settlement has a good chance on making it on the Ten Most list.

Commissioner Dismer said that since it is a statewide competition, it will depend on which other structures are nominated.

Commissioner Warren said that multiple Augustana students have done research projects on West End Settlement. The projects can be found in the Tredway Library's Special Collections.

Commissioner Koski moved to nominate West End Settlement for Landmark Illinois' Ten Most Endangered Program.

Commissioner Cornish seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Doak reported that the Rock Island Preservation Society is considering nominating West End Settlement for Rock Island Landmark status. When a building is under consideration for Landmark status, the property owner is notified and asked to sign form. This is not a consent form, so the owner's signature is not required. If desired, the owner may appeal the decision to consider the property for Landmark status to the Commission.

To remain a neutral party, the Commission decided to communicate with the Rock Island Preservation Society regarding a Landmark nomination for West End Settlement without making a motion for RIPS to nominate the property.

**Case #2010-10** - Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for 715 20<sup>th</sup> Street, which is also known as the Magill House

Fence contractor Joshua Jorgensen, 1309 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Silvis, was present to represent owner Tim Ross.

Ms. Doak gave the staff report. Owner Tim Ross would like to install a six-foot tall wooden fence for the side and rear yards and a 42" tall fence to run parallel to 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The 42" section will be solid vertical board fence topped with a decorative lattice that will mimic the unique front porch. This section will run from a spot just behind the front windows in the side bays to the side property line. From the two side yard points, the solid wood fence will lose the lattice trim on top and switch to a gothic point. It will step up to six feet and enclose the side and rear yards. A ten-foot long automated, solid board gate will run across the driveway.

Because the fence meets the looser *Residential Design Guidelines* restrictions for side and back yard fences and will not harm existing historic fabric, city staff recommends the Commission approve the requested fence under the condition that it be painted by November 17, 2011.

Ms. Doak reported that Commissioners Anderson and Oestreich expressed via email their opinion that the fence should meet the house behind, instead of in front of, the bay windows so that these features are not blocked from sight.

Mr. Jorgensen said that it would not be a problem to build the fence behind the bays.

Commissioner Andich asked for more information on the automated gate.

Mr. Jorgensen explained that the gate will be a metal frame hinged off a steel post. Pickets will be attached to the metal frame to match the rest of the fence.

Commissioner Dimer said it is important for the lattice top of the 42" fence to be made with the same proportions and shapes as the existing lattice work on the porch. He asked how tall the lattice top will be.

Mr. Jorgensen said the lattice top will be six to eight inches tall.

Commissioner Cornish made a motion to accept the staff recommendation for the fence, under the condition that the front portion of the fence will be constructed behind the bay windows.

Commissioner Koski seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Doak said that typically the Commission would deny the Certificate of Appropriateness and require a resubmitted application because Commissioners are not allowed to modify the application on an applicant's behalf. However, given the late fall date and the fact that Mr. Ross wanted the fence up this year, and acceptance of the minor modification by the fence contractor, the Commission decided to grant the Certificate.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Braun congratulated Commissioner Calder on being named Illinois Professor of the Year.

Ms. Doak said that there may be a meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> concerning possible modifications to the Jackson Square redevelopment plan.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Doak, Acting Secretary  
Rock Island Preservation Commission