

MINUTES
PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 21, 2017
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leigh Ayers, Brent Bogen, Paul Fessler, John Daley, Elizabeth DeLong, Linda Anderson, Robert Braun, Sue Swords

MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret Morse

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Jeff Dismer, Daryl Empen, Diance Oestreich

STAFF PRESENT: Ryan Berger, Miles Brainard

CALL TO ORDER: Chair DeLong called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

New members of the committee introduced themselves. Miles Brainard was also introduced as the new urban planner working for the city of Rock Island.

AN ORDER APPROVING THE WRITTEN AGENDA

No motion was made to approve the written agenda.

AN ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No motion was made to approve previous meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Case 2017-1: Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 2401 4th Ave / 321 24th Street, Illinois Oil Company Building.
 - A representative of the applicant spoke about the intended installation of banners perpendicular to the façade. Questions were asked about the bracket system and whether it would be drilled into the brick or the mortar. The representative explained how the bracket system would work and said that the details of how it would be installed would be discussed with the building owner, Renaissance Rock Island. The Commission said it would like to see the brackets affixed in the mortar and not the brick.
 - Fessler made a motion to approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that the bracket screws be drilled into the mortar and not the brick. Swords seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 9-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Case 2017-2: Certificate of Appropriateness for 1711 21st Street, Mary Carter House
 - The owner of the property spoke about the need to install new siding on their garage given that the existing material was deteriorating. The house is historic with a stucco façade and the garage is not historic with masonite siding. Questions were asked about whether alternatives to vinyl siding had been investigated and the property owner said that due to cost and convenience, vinyl siding was their strong preference. The Commission asked for more details about the siding with an emphasis on limiting the width of the siding to about three inches.
 - Daley made a motion to approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that the vinyl siding to be installed be white to match the house. Swords seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 9-0.**
2. Application for Associate Membership
 - Wendy Rowand submitted an Application for Appointment to the Committee on April 20, 2017. Members of the Committee expressed that the candidate was well qualified.

- DeLong made a motion to approve the Application for Appointment to the Commission. Bogen seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 9-0.**
3. Discussion around nomination of downtown Rock Island to the National Register of Historic places focused on the need to bring in a professional to guide the process. An alderman has expressed strong interest in pursuing nomination.
 4. There was a question about moving the meeting time to 5:15 PM instead of 5:00 PM. No change was made and it was agreed upon that the meeting time may change in the future if the need exists.
 5. Establishing a tour of historic districts was mentioned as a future project.
 6. The existing county courthouse was discussed as being in the process of being nominated as a local landmark. Members of the Commission were encouraged to support efforts to save the building from demolition.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair DeLong asked for a motion to adjourn. Swords moved to adjourn. Bogen seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 9-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Minutes submitted by Miles Brainard.