

**TO: Rock Island City Council**  
**SUBJECT: Appointments / Reappointments to the Preservation Commission**

**DATE: March 13, 2013**

There is a need for membership appointment and reappointment to the Rock Island Preservation Commission.

David Cordes' and John Streiter's terms will expire on March 31, 2013. There is also a vacancy that was formerly held by Steven Warren. Commissioner Cordes will not be eligible for reappointment until April 1, 2016. Commissioner Streiter has expressed an interest in reappointment.

**Reappointment**

Reappoint John Streiter to a 3 year term to expire March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**New Appointments to a 3 year term to expire March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

The following individuals are submitted for your consideration for membership on the Preservation Commission:

**Susan Swords**

Susan Swords is a 39-year resident of Rock Island and co-owner of the 1906 George Stauduhar home. She has 35 years of experience as a high school English teacher and has been the owner of Swords Senior Support, Inc. for the past 7 years. Ms. Swords has four adult children, all graduates of Rock Island High School.

*Education*

Augustana College – B.A.  
Western Illinois University – M.A.

*Memberships & Activities*

- Member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation—40+ years
- Charter member of Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois
- Active in trying to save the Chicago Stock Exchange
- Active in saving the old Chicago Public Library, now the Chicago Cultural Center
- Member of Rock Island Preservation Society—25+ years
- Secretary of Highland Park Historic District Executive Board
- Active in trying to save a portion of the Villa School

*Statement of Interest*

Along with my lifelong commitment to historic preservation, the past six years of working on our home has given me a better appreciation of accurately maintaining an older house; I continue to have a concern as well for the preservation of our important public buildings.

**Brent Bogen**

Brent Bogen is a Quad-Cities native who, having completed his education in 2011, returned to the area to settle in Rock Island. He and his wife purchased their home on 36th Street largely due to the excellent job of the prior owners in preserving many of the original characteristics of the house, which was built in 1940. Brent is an attorney at Katz, Huntoon & Fieweger, P.C.

*Education and Professional Information*

Illinois Wesleyan University – B.A. in Political Science - 2008  
DePaul University College of Law – J.D. – 2011

- Certificate in Business Law
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Real Estate Transactions

Brent concentrates his law practice at Katz, Huntoon & Fieweger in residential and commercial real estate, including representing lending institutions, investors, and individuals. He also represents area businesses in corporate and contract matters as well as aiding individuals in estate planning and probate matters.

*Statement of Interest*

I have always been interested in the convergence of the historical and the contemporary, particularly as it relates to preserving meritorious historical structures while bringing their function and utility in line with modern expectations and uses. It would be my goal to provide the commission with my perspective as someone who is interested in the development and preservation of historic real estate and as someone who is involved in the business of real estate on a daily basis.

Recommendation: Appointment of Susan Swords and Brent Bogen, and re-appointment of John Streiter to the City's Preservation Commission to the terms as listed above.

Submitted by: Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor



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Approved: Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor