

MINUTES
March 28, 2016
Historic Preservation Commission
City of Batavia

Please **NOTE:** These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. They are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. They may not reference some of the individual attendee's comments, nor the complete comments if referenced.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Bus called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Bus; Vice-Chair Hagemann; Commissioners Sherer, Roller and Sullivan

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

3. Items to be Removed, Added or Changed

Albertson observed that there was no applicant in attendance for the COA on 107 North Batavia Avenue. He suggested discussing the COA for 27 North River Street first. There was no objection from the Commission.

4. Approve Minutes for March 14, 2016

Motion: To approve the minutes for March 14, 2016

Maker: Sullivan

Second: Roller

Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Matters From the Public (for items not on the agenda)

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Chair Bus asked if there were matters from the public for items not on the agenda. There were none.

6. COA Review: 107 North Batavia Avenue

Partial Siding Replacement (Integrity Remodeling, applicant)

The applicant did not attend the meeting. Albertson reported that the building is noncontributing. There is a problem with the siding on the back refrigeration enclosure. They would like to replace the damaged siding. The current siding on the enclosure does not match the siding on the side of the building. They would like to use the fiber cement siding on the enclosure to match the rest of the building.

Albertson clarified that this was brought to the Commission because it is not a like-for-like replacement. The building is still vacant and for sale, it is currently being fixed.

Albertson asked if anyone objects to acting on this without the applicant present. There were no objections. Bus stated that any improvement to this building would be desirable. Hagemann asked if the siding would match what is on the rest of the building. Albertson answered that it would.

Motion: To approve the COA as presented
Maker: Sullivan
Second: Sherer

Discussion was held on the motion. Sullivan asked if the color and the material from the main building would be used in the repaired section. Hagemann answered yes. Sullivan asked if the material is acceptable. Bus stated that the proposed material is an improvement over the existing material.

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Hagemann, Sherer, Sullivan, Roller, Bus
 Nay:
 5-0 Vote, 0 Absent, All in favor, Motion carried.

**7. COA Review: 27 North River Street
Front Glass Enclosure Replacement (Mary Claire Harris, applicant)**

Mary Claire Harris, 731 Ellis Lane, Geneva, gave a summary of the work to be completed:

- Tear down existing glass atrium and rebuild it
- Repainting of exterior walls in the Benjamin Moore color ‘Durango’
- Replacing the glass framing with anodized aluminum
- Replacing glass with 1 inch low E
- Putting in a new LaCantina bi-fold window system, the color would be ‘bronze’
- Replacing existing metal roof with pre-finished metal interlocking system with snow locks. The color of the metal roofing will be ‘Colonial Red’ by Firestone Building Projects
- Putting in new 18 inch knee wall, will be faced with brick to match the existing brick
- Foundation will be the original cement foundation

North River Street pictures were shown to the Commission to demonstrate how the colors would tie in. Harris explained that they would paint the front and the sides of the building. Whatever could be viewed from the street would be painted. The storefront concept drawing was shown to the Commission. Samples were distributed for the Commission to view.

Roller asked about the snow guards on the metal roof. She stated that sometimes snow guards fall off because they are attached with adhesive. Harris was not aware of how the snow guards were going to be attached at that time.

Bus announced that this is a significant building in the City of Batavia and the inside of the building dates back to the 1850's. He stated that he visited the building and got to see the inside personally. He speculated that there might have been a fire in the building due to the red hue of the limestone. Bus stated that this project is a very positive improvement for the street and he likes that the historic feel will be accentuated. Hagemann agreed. There were no other questions or comments from the Commission.

Motion: To approve the COA as presented.
Maker: Hagemann
Second: Roller
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Hagemann, Sherer, Sullivan, Roller, Bus
Nay:
5-0 Vote, 0 Absent, All in favor, Motion carried.

8. Updates:

- **7 East Wilson Street – Historic Inspection**
- **Anderson Block Building – Masonry Maintenance**
- **Significant Historic Building Inspection Program**
- **10/12 North River Street – Historic Inspection**
- **227 West Wilson Street – Historic Inspection**
- **109 South Batavia Avenue – Historic Inspection**
- **8 North River Street – Historic Inspection**
- **16 East Wilson Street – Historic Inspection**

Albertson stated that they are working on sending out letters and setting up meetings for the buildings that are still on the list. There are still remaining items on all of the buildings to be completed. He noted that there has been some work done on all the buildings on the list.

9. Other Business

Roller stated that the Invitations Etc has moved and the sign could come down.

Bus stated that the capping on O'Brien's building on River Street does not quite match but it is not bad. He thinks that it would hold up quite well. It looks a little unnatural because of the overhang. Roller noted that when they presented they did not present that much information. Our design review should request significant building applicants to have more information. Sherer noted that the color is off. Roller stated that in a season or two it would get dirty and blend better.

Sherer noted that the tin ceiling in Stosh's former building is destroyed. It is pitted and she is not sure if it could be saved. She said that it is a shame. Albertson reported that the building is under new ownership and he expects to hear from the owner this spring to discuss the necessary repairs. He is not sure if the tin ceiling would remain.

10. Adjournment

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There being no other business to discuss, Chair Bus asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm; Made by Sullivan; Seconded by Hagemann. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith