

**MINUTES**  
**October 10, 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, and Roller

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Sullivan

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

**3. Items to be Removed, Added or Changed**

There were no items to be removed, added or changed.

**4. Approval of Minutes: September 26, 2016**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from September 26, 2016

**Maker:** Sherer

**Second:** Hagemann

**Voice Vote:** 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent  
Motion carried.

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

Chair Bus asked if there were matters from the public for items not on the agenda. There were none.

**6. COA Review: 901 North Batavia Avenue**  
**Antenna Revisions (LCC Telecom, applicant)**

Justin Castello, LLC Telecom, stated that they plan to take down the three antennas that exist on the structure and replace them. AT&T will also run fiber and a DC connection through the antennas as well. AT&T would be updating the equipment that is in the basement. Albertson stated that the replacement antennas would be taller, wider and thicker. Bus clarified that they would be sixteen inches taller and three inches wider. Bus stated that the difference would not be noticeable.

Chair Bus stated that this building is a landmark structure. He asked if there were any comments from staff. Albertson stated that in the future there would be some discussions about making sure

antennas are not so prominent. He would like to have discussion on how to camouflage future antennas.

**Motion:** To approve the COA as presented  
**Maker:** Hagemann  
**Second:** Roller  
**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Hagemann, Sherer, Roller, Bus  
**Nay:** None  
4-0 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

## **7. Certified Local Government Discussion**

Albertson stated that staff is in the process of reviewing what paperwork we have from before and if we need any additional paperwork. Staff is looking into filing the application sometime during the winter months.

Bus suggested inviting the Historic Preservation Society to an upcoming HPC meeting and have a round table discussion on submitting a grant application for a public event of some sort regarding HPC issues. Hagemann stated that MainStreet is looking to recreate the “Skaters on the Pond” photo on its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bus stated that the HPC should do more with MainStreet also.

## **8. Election of Officers**

Bus stated that at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting he asked Sherer and Roller to be the Nominating Committee for the election of officers. He asked for a report from the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee reported that after lengthy discussion and conferencing with Jeff Albertson on proper procedure they are nominating Hagemann to serve as Chair and Roller to serve as Vice-Chair. Chair Bus asked for nominations, in accordance to Robert’s Rules of Order, three times. The nominations remained the same.

**Motion:** To elect Hagemann as Chair and Roller as Vice Chair  
**Roll Call:** **Aye:** Hagemann, Sherer, Roller, Bus  
**Nay:** None  
4-0 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

## **9. Updates:**

- 1. 7 East Wilson Street – Historic Inspection**
- 2. Anderson Block Building – Masonry Maintenance**
- 3. Significant Historic Building Inspection Program**
- 4. 10/12 North River Street – Historic Inspection**
- 5. 227 West Wilson Street – Historic Inspection**
- 6. 109 South Batavia Avenue – Historic Inspection**
- 7. 8 North River Street – Historic Inspection**
- 8. 16 East Wilson Street – Historic Inspection**

Albertson reported that staff is working with some owners to get some work done. Albertson is working with the owner of El Taco Grande on a replacement proposal that would come to the HPC shortly.

Hagemann asked if there were any inspections coming up. Albertson stated that they are finishing the buildings on River Street first, then Wilson Street and then work their way west. He stated that if the Commission had any other buildings that they felt needed to be inspected to let him know. There are no upcoming inspections at this time.

#### **10. Other Business**

Albertson reported that Gaetano's is moving upstairs. Gaetano purchased the building in August and plans to build a dining hall on the second floor.

Sherer asked if the weather is bad this winter if it would continue to significantly deteriorate the limestone on the bank building. Albertson stated that he does not believe it would get significantly worse during one winter. He added that he spoke to Mr. Marconi about it and he was going to get bids. Albertson will follow up with him on this matter.

Sherer asked about Stosh's old building. Albertson stated that new owners have purchased it and he has heard that they would like to do repairs on the building. An inspection of the building was done and the new owners have a list of items to repair. Hagemann stated that the new owners intend to repair the apartments on the second floor and have retail on the first floor.

Bus asked about the status of the Baptist Church project. Albertson stated that the three demolition COA's have been through the City Council and approved. Albertson stated that there has been discussion on saving the signage or moving the wood-framed Larsen Becker building as part of the Larsen Becker complex.

Roller asked about the old Walgreens. Albertson stated that there is no news on the old Walgreen's and they are still negotiating with Blue Goose.

Roller mentioned that she looked into the historic building plaques in the City of Elgin. In order to get more information, Roller has reached out to the contact at the City of Elgin. Once she receives the information on the historic building plaque program she will share it with the Commission.

#### **11. Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Hagemann asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:01pm; Made by Bus; Seconded by Roller. Motion carried.