

MINUTES
March 11, 2019
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 Hagemann called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Sherer

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from February 25, 2019

Maker: Bus

Second: Roller

Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion carried.

4. Items to be Removed, Added or Changed

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

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

There were no members from the public to address the Commission.

6. COA Review: 14 N VanBuren St

Windows/Doors & New Roof, Fascia, Masonry Repair and Rooftop Equipment (Batavia Park District, applicant)

Albertson reported that this portion of the building is non-contributing. Doug Holzrichter, Williams Architects, stated that all of the work is maintenance related. They plan on covering the roof, replacing windows, replacing exterior doors, and repairing some masonry. The sloped gymnasium roof is nearly sixty years old. They plan to recover the roof with asphalt shingles. He showed the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) a sample of the shingle. The window system colors were chosen to match what was already on the west elevation of the building. They chose fun colors for the building since it is a recreation center and preschool. This is the preschool wing. For the replacement doors they will be using anodized aluminum doors with glass.

The HPC discussed the material to be used on the west side of the building, covering over the roof assembly, tripling the R-value of the building, and how these maintenance improvements will help maintain the building. Bus commended the Batavia Park District and stated that this Commission appreciates the work that they do.

Motion: To approve the COA as submitted
Maker: Sullivan
Second: Hohmann
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Sullivan, Roller, Hagemann, Bus, Hohmann
Nay: None
5-0 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

**7. COA Review: 142 West Wilson Street
Wall Sign (Comet Neon Signs, applicant)**

Albertson announced that this is a non-contributing building. John Marcquenski, Comet Neon Signs, addressed the HPC. He stated that the sign would be low backlit channel letters that would produce a halo effect. The logo will be face lit and all will be LED illumination. An illustration was displayed for the Commission to view. Albertson stated that the size of the signage has been reviewed and complies with the Zoning Code. Roller asked how many penetrations are needed for each letter. Marcquenski, stated that the letters would be individually mounted onto the wall and each letter would have one power penetration. Bus stated that he likes the theme of the Fox River on the logo. Sullivan asked to see similar signs in the area. Albertson displayed Google Maps and the Commission observed that the signage is similar to the surrounding signage.

Motion: To approve the COA as submitted
Maker: Bus
Second: Sullivan
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Bus, Hohmann, Sullivan, Roller, Hagemann
Nay: None
5-0 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

8. 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. 129 South Batavia Avenue – Historic Inspection**
- 7. 8 North River Street – Historic Inspection**
- 8. 16 East Wilson Street – Historic Inspection**
- 9. Certified Local Government**

Albertson stated that there are no updates to report at this time.

9. Other Business

Vice-Chair Roller announced that she would be resigning from the Commission in August. Roller hopes that this would give ample time to find a replacement. She explained that she received a promotion at Northern Illinois University that will require more of her time. Hagemann asked that Albertson update the Commission on membership since this Commission critically needs replacement commissioners to achieve quorum.

10. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Hagemann asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56pm; Made by Hohmann; Seconded by Sullivan. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary, on March 15, 2019.