

**MINUTES**  
**May 10, 2021**  
**Historic Preservation Commission - Virtual**  
**City of Batavia**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Vice-Chair Bus called the virtual meeting to order at 5:32pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair Hohmann (joined at 5:44pm); Vice-Chair Bus; Commissioners Hagemann (joined at 5:44pm), Barraza, Lombardo and Saam

**Members Absent:**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

There were no minutes to approve at this time.

**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)**

Morgan Moseley addressed the Commission. He asked if there was a final vote for the demolition of 14 North Washington Avenue. Albertson stated that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is done with the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). The COA went through to the Committee of the Whole (COW) and will be at the City Council one week from tonight. Albertson will send the City Council agenda to Moseley so that he could register and attend the meeting if he would like.

**6. COA Review: 5/7 North River Street – Wall Sign (The Sign Authority, applicant)**

Albertson stated that the applicant is not able to attend tonight's meeting but is available to be reached by phone if there are any questions. Albertson presented the COA to the Commission and showed the proposed sign information utilizing the shared screen feature of Zoom. The sign is a non-illuminated aluminum cloud sign with push through logo and will be flush mounted to the building façade via studs. Albertson stated past consideration of the Commission has asked applicants to mount it into the mortar joints as much as possible rather than the actual stone so if we remove the sign we are not leaving holes in the masonry. Vice-Chair Bus agreed that is what the Commission has done in the past. Bus stated that it is a nice looking sign and the colors go well with the building. Barraza stated that it looks good, it looks nice on the building and the size is proportionate with everything on the front of the building.

**Motion:** To approve the COA as presented fastening the sign using the mortar joints and not masonry  
**Maker:** Saam  
**Second:** Barraza  
**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Saam, Bus, Barraza, Lombardo  
**Nay:**  
4-0 Vote, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

## 7. Updates:

1. 7 East Wilson Street – Historic Inspection
2. Anderson Block Building – Masonry Maintenance
3. Significant Historic Building Inspection Program
4. 227 West Wilson Street – Historic Inspection
5. 16 East Wilson Street – Historic Inspection

Albertson stated that there are no updates to report.

*Chair Hohmann and Commissioner Hagemann joined the meeting at 5:44pm*

## 8. Other Business

Albertson and the HPC welcomed the two new Commissioners: Robin Barraza and Mary Lombardo.

Albertson announced that at the May 24<sup>th</sup> HPC meeting there would be a discussion on work proposed for the Newton House at Batavia Avenue and Wilson Street.

Hagemann asked about the soccer field that is going in. The applicant sent an email in last Monday and was wondering why it was not on tonight's agenda. Albertson stated that he missed the deadline and it would be on the May 24<sup>th</sup> agenda. He has not seen the paperwork yet but the planners have been working with the applicant. Albertson will follow-up with him tomorrow.

## 9. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Vice-Chair Bus asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49pm; Made by Hagemann; Seconded by Saam. All were in favor. Motion carried.