

MINUTES
October 28, 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 5:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Hagemann; Commissioners Sherer, Bus, Krawczyk

Members Absent: Commissioners Hohmann, Faivre

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

There were no minutes for approval at this time.

4. Items to be Removed, Added or Changed

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

Motion: To approve the agenda

Maker: Sherer

Second: Bus

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion carried.

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: 319 Main Street – Sign Installation (Aubrey Signs, applicant)

Paul Bander, Aubrey Sign Company, addressed the Commission representing 319 Main Street. Chair Hagemann noted that this is a contributing building. Bander stated that the COA is for both a wall sign and a blade sign. The wall sign will be a flat panel, aluminum and painted black. The border is going to be black acrylic with white acrylic letters applied. It will be installed with metal sleeves that anchors into the mortar joints. The same installation will be done with the projecting double-sided blade sign, which is aluminum with vinyl graphic. The Commission viewed illustrations of the proposed signage. Sherer commented that the signage fits the district and surrounding area. There were no other comments from the Commission.

Motion: To approve the COA as presented

Maker: Sherer
Second: Bus
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Sherer, Bus, Krawczyk, Hagemann
Nay: None
4-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

7. COA Review: 901 North Batavia Avenue – Siding Repair (Campana Redevelopment, applicant)

Rick Mares, property manager, addressed the Commission. He explained that there are two areas of the siding that are damaged. Pictures of the two areas were shown to the Commission. The first area's siding was damaged by a delivery truck backing up and pushing a dumpster into the siding of the building. Mares stated that he was able to find a contractor to install matching twenty-six-gage siding that matches both the color and pattern of the panels currently on the building. The other area of the building on the west warehouse has siding being repaired due to wind/storm damage on the south facing portion of the building. There will be a like for like replacement of the siding material onto the building.

Chair Hagemann stated that this is a landmark structure and on the national historic registry. Albertson added that this is the City's only landmark structure.

Motion: To approve the COA as submitted with the notation by the Commission that we recognize this portion of the landmark building is not part of the east façade or the front lawn and is a non-contributing portion of the actual building

Maker: Bus
Second: Krawczyk
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Bus, Krawczyk, Hagemann, Sherer
Nay: None
4-0 Vote, 2 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 reported that Scott Buening would attend a future meeting to discuss the Certified Local Government progress and downtown historic building inspection process. Chair Hagemann asked why the progress on Certified Local Government stalled. Albertson stated that there were several reasons, one of which being workload. Mayor Schielke added that since the Historic Preservation Commission was in transition with appointments Scott Buening wanted to wait until the new members joined the group before submitting the Certified Local Government application.

9. Other Business

Chair Hagemann asked for the newest member, Bob Krawczyk, to introduce himself to the group. Krawczyk stated that he is an architect and faculty member of the College of Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He discussed his work history and interests with the Commission. The Commissioners welcomed Krawczyk to the Historic Preservation Commission.

The Commission discussed the positive feedback they have heard regarding the exterior and interior remodel of the Oak and Swine restaurant. Hagemann stated that Oak and Swine is a great example of taking a building that was in disrepair and making it into something that enhances the district.

Mayor Schielke distributed a handout to the group that included an article from the Chicago Tribune dated Sunday, February 4, 1990 and 'For Building Watchers, Batavia Historic Structures – Styles and Designs'. There was no discussion held on the handouts at this meeting.

10. Adjournment

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary, on November 4, 2019.