

MINUTES
April 8, 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 (entered at 5:41pm); Commissioners Sherer, Hohmann and Bus

Members Absent: Commissioner Sullivan

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from March 11, 2019

Maker: Bus

Second: Hohmann

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 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: 1 East Wilson Street

Siding Replacement (Scharnweber/Wicklund, applicant)

Susan Wicklund, 1 East Wilson Street, addressed the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). She discussed the replacement of siding that was blown off the stairwell on the back of the building in the alleyway during a storm. Albertson noted that the building itself is significant but the stairwell on the back of the building is an addition and not considered significant. Wicklund added that the building was built in 1895 and the addition was built in 1990.

A sample of the siding was distributed to the HPC for review. The siding is Cedar Lap LP Smart Side siding and the preferred color is light grey titled 'Nickel.' Another color under consideration is a dark grey color. The HPC voiced their preference for the light grey color.

Motion: To approve the COA as submitted
Maker: Sherer
Second: Bus
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Sherer, Bus, Hohmann, Hagemann
Nay: None
4-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

**7. COA Review: 129 South Batavia Avenue
Rear Porch Construction (John Happel, applicant)**

*Vice-Chair Roller entered the meeting at 5:41pm

John Happel, applicant, distributed pictures of the improvements he is doing to the interior of 129 South Batavia Avenue along with photos of porches of neighboring properties. The proposed porch would be made of treated pine and he will be waiting a year before staining the wood to allow it to weather. Bus asked what color he would intend to stain the wood and Happel responded that it would most likely be stained a cedar color. Happel shared that the porch that currently exists is beyond repair. The Commission reviewed the plans for the proposed porch. The Commission commended Happel and his wife for the work they have done to improve this building. Happel announced that the porch would be the last project.

Motion: To approve the COA as submitted
Maker: Hohmann
Second: Sherer
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Hohmann, Hagemann, Roller, Sherer, Bus
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

Sherer asked about the unauthorized Batavia Dance Academy banner and if it would be taken down. Albertson stated that this has been through the adjudication and circuit court process and the owner has been unresponsive.

Roller asked about The Oak and Swine restaurant. Albertson stated that they are working on the inside and permits for the façade are in process. The build out on the inside is being worked on for the Boca-Ditos restaurant next door. This restaurant will be carry-out only.

Bus asked about One Washington. Albertson answered that a revised redevelopment agreement was approved by City Council due to the land contamination. Albertson stated that he has heard that actual construction would be in April 2020.

Chair Hagemann asked if there would be any future appointments to the HPC. Albertson stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

The Design Guidelines are yet to be brought to the Committee of the Whole (COW). Albertson will notify the Commission on what date that would be addressed at the COW meeting.

The Batavia's Historical Society's 2nd Annual Preservation Week is April 22-27.

Albertson announced that the rooftop deck of the Campana building would be discussed at a future HPC meeting.

10. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Hagemann asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58pm; Made by Hohmann; Seconded by Sherer. Motion carried.