

MINUTES
April 25, 2022
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 Commission/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 Barraza, Commissioners Alderson and Koc

Members Absent: Commissioner Saam

Also Present: Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner; Al Watts, Community Engagement Director, Preservation Partners; Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary;

3. Approval of Minutes: February 14, 2022 and March 14, 2022

Motion: To approve the February 14, 2022 and March 14, 2022 meeting minutes

Maker: Barraza

Second: Alderson

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

4. Items to be Removed, Added or Changed

None.

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

There were no matters from the public.

6. COA Review: 130 South Batavia Avenue – Exterior Building & Site Improvements (Austin Dempsey, applicant)

Wendy Reed, in place of Austin Dempsey applicant, addressed the Committee. She introduced Dan from Mill Creek Early Childhood to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). Mill Creek Early Childhood is relocating to the corner of 31 and Main, which is the former Chase Bank. The applicant would like to install a fence around the property. The HPC reviewed the 'Topographical Site Development Plan' and discussed the proposed fence. The proposed fence would be part composite (Trex) material shadowbox along Route 31 and dog ear fencing would be around the rest of the property.

The Commission reviewed the rear yard of the building. Reed showed the Commission where two standard 8x10 Outdoor Lifetime storage sheds would be placed to store playground equipment.

Astroturf would be installed in the rear yard. An Astroturf sample and a picture of what the astroturf would look like installed was shown to the HPC.

Reed stated that doors are proposed for installation. The 'Exterior Elevation' of the building was shown to the Commission. They plan on adding aluminum storefront doors to the north elevation, one door to the west elevation, and adding a glass paned metal-framed man door to the south elevation.

Chair Bus stated that this is a non-contributing building. Albertson shared that the proposed use is consistent with the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion: To approve the COA as submitted
Maker: Barraza
Second: Alderson
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Barraza, Alderson, Koc, Bus
Nay:
4-0 Vote, 1 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 were no updates at this time.

8. Other Business

Koc asked about the Comedy Vault overspray on the interior of the windows along the south end of the building. She stated that the overspray does not look aesthetically pleasing while driving past along Route 25. Chair Bus noted that 18 E Wilson is a significant building. Albertson stated that he would check on it.

Alderson asked if Pal Joeys is moving back to the original location. Albertson announced that the original building is a significant building. Alderson asked about the chimney on that original building. Albertson stated that the chimney is on the property owner's correction list that was given to the property owner by staff. Alderson asked if the chimney could be repaired or taken down. Albertson stated that if the chimney was too damaged and needed to be taken down, the removal would need to be approved by the HPC but they could repair it as well.

Bus discussed the Amasa White House, which is a significant building, built in 1846. The Amasa White house is owned by Kane County and resides in Geneva. Bus discussed the work that is needed on the house, which is in a state of unintentional neglect. The west side of the house is starting to suffer from water damage on the limestone. Bus announced that he is meeting with County staff tomorrow at 10:30am to discuss the maintenance, or lack of maintenance, to that structure. Bus explained that Fabyan Parkway is an entryway into our community so we have a

vested interest in this house. Bus stated that he would report back to the HPC on the progress, or lack thereof.

9. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Bus asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:54pm; Made by Barraza, Seconded by Alderson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary