

**MINUTES**  
**December 14, 2020**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Remote Meeting**  
**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 Hohmann called the virtual meeting to order at 5:32pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair Hohmann; Vice- Chair Bus (joined the meeting at 5:41pm); Commissioners Faivre, Krawczyk, Sherer, and Saam

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Hagemann

**Also Present:** Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner; Howard Chason, Information Systems Director; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

**3. Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2020 and November 9, 2020**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from September 14, 2020 and November 9, 2020

**Maker:** Krawczyk

**Second:** Sherer

**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Krawczyk, Hohmann, Sherer, Saam, Faivre

**Nay:**

5-0 Vote, 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 matters from the public.

**6. COA Review: 301 West Fabyan Parkway**

**Wall Sign Replacement (Integrity Sign Company, applicant)**

Keith Hlad, Integrity Sign Company, addressed the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). He explained that they are proposing to remove the existing signage at 301 West Fabyan Parkway and install new signage for Sleep Outfitters Outlet. The square footage meets the code that they were given. The sign is illuminated and it would go on a raceway to prevent excessive holes in the building.

Albertson reported that this meets the Zoning Code. This is on the south wing of the Campana building, which is one of the newer wings that were added on later. Chair Hohmann noted that the Campana Building is a landmarked building.

The HPC reviewed the Certification of Appropriateness (COA) and the proposed signage utilizing a shared screen via GotoWebinar. Sherer commented that she likes the clean look of the sign as well as the colors. Several commissioners voiced their agreement. Chair Hohmann added that this is a great improvement.

**Motion:** To approve the COA for 301 West Fabyan Parkway as presented

**Maker:** Faivre

**Second:** Saam

**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Faivre, Krawczyk, Hohmann, Sherer, Saam

**Nay:**

5-0 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**
6. **Certified Local Government**

Albertson stated that they are still waiting to hear back on the Certified Local Government. The State's offices have been shut down due to the pandemic. The Courts have not been doing a lot of hearings as well. We are at a standstill with some of these things. At this point, he will reach out to the business owners and see if we could get a reasonable timeline established.

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

Chair Hohmann asked Albertson to keep the HPC updated on how things are going with the business owners.

## 8. Other Business

Sherer discussed the Landmark Building application for the Conde house going before the Committee of the Whole (COW) on December 15<sup>th</sup>. She asked if the picture, circa 1999, with the railings around the widow's watch would be included in the packet for tomorrow night. Sherer explained that the picture is excellent and features both the widows's watch on the roof with railings as well as the limestone wall down by the sidewalk. Albertson asked for Sherer to resend the photo to him. Albertson stated the photo is not part of the current COW packet but he would be happy to share it at tomorrow's meeting. Sherer and Faivre announced that they would attend the 12-15-20 COW meeting.

Sherer asked if the building owner contacted Albertson about the Landmark application. Albertson answered that the building owner has not contacted him. Albertson stated that when the lady did contact the Historic Society she stated she was generally opposed but he does not know why.

Sherer commented that she wants to replace the windows and put a fence in. Sherer asked what are the next steps after the COW. Albertson answered that it would then go to City Council on December 21, 2020. If approved, the property would officially become landmarked. The City would file with the County's Recorder Office to put everyone on notice that it has been landmarked and is now subject to the rules and regulations of any other property in the Historic District.

#### **9. Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Hohmann asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48pm; Made by Sherer; Seconded by Krawczyk. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary, on December 14, 2020.