

**MINUTES**  
**August 8, 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 special Historic Preservation Committee meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair Bus; Vice-Chair Barraza; Commissioners Saam (entered at 5:38pm), Koc, and Alderson

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present:** Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner; Josh Wyant, Batavia Park District; Al Watts, Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley

**3. Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2022**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from June 24, 2022

**Maker:** Barraza

**Second:** Koc

**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Barraza, Koc, Alderson, Bus  
**Nay:** None  
4-0 Vote, 1 Absent, Motion carried.

**4. Items to be Removed, Added or Changed**

None.

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

None.

**6. COA Review: 138 West Wilson Street – Wall Sign (Aurora Sign Company, applicant)**

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviewed the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). Mike Algrim, Vice-President of BEI, addressed the Commission and discussed the proposed sign.

Chair Bus noted that this is a non-contributing building.

**Motion:** To approve the COA as presented

**Maker:** Barraza

**Second:** Alderson

**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Barraza, Koc, Alderson, Bus, Saam  
**Nay:** None

5-0 Vote, 0 Absent, Motion carried.

**7. COA Review: 155 Houston Street – Door Replacement (Batavia Park District, applicant)**

Josh Wyant, applicant, addressed the HPC. He discussed the proposed door replacement due to the glass becoming weathered and the wood is not in good condition. The proposed doorway would become ADA compliant. They are proposing aluminum, black double door with one solid pane on each door. The HPC viewed a graphic of the proposed door. The Commission discussed adding more panes of glass or a full pane of glass for safety beyond the door.

Chair Bus stated that this is a significant building and was moved to the current location. He continued the Park District has done a great job upgrading the building.

**Motion:** To approve the COA subject to revising the door to have a full pane of glass

**Maker:** Koc

**Second:** Alderson

**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Koc, Saam, Alderson, Barraza, Bus

**Nay:** None

5-0 Vote, 0 Absent, Motion carried.

**8. COA Review: 204 South Water Street – Roof Replacement (Norton & Sons, applicant)**

Albertson announced that this building is classified as significant. Mike Algrim, Vice-President of Batavia Enterprises, addressed the Commission. He showed images of the sections to be replaced.

**Motion:** To approve the COA subject to revising the door to have a full pane of glass

**Maker:** Barraza

**Second:** Saam

**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Barraza, Saam, Koc, Alderson, Bus

**Nay:** None

5-0 Vote, 0 Absent, Motion carried.

**9. COA Review: 111 Union Avenue – Roof Replacement (Norton & Sons, applicant)**

Mike Algrim, applicant, showed the pictures of the sections for replacement. Albertson noted that this Limestone building is not classified.

**Motion:** To approve the COA subject to revising the door to have a full pane of glass

**Maker:** Alderson

**Second:** Saam

**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Alderson, Barraza, Saam, Koc, Bus

**Nay:** None

5-0 Vote, 0 Absent, Motion carried.

Bus asked for this building, 111 Union Avenue, to be placed onto a future HPC agenda to get it classified. Albertson added that 125 Flinn is also not classified. Albertson stated that he would

review the process for classification consideration. Saam asked for an upcoming meeting to review the process. Albertson agreed.

**10. COA Review: 125 Flinn Street – Roof Replacement (Norton & Sons, applicant)**

Mike Algrim, applicant, discussed the roof replacement with the HPC. The HPC viewed photos of the present roof condition.

**Motion:** To approve the COA as presented

**Maker:** Barraza

**Second:** Alderson

**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Barraza, Saam, Koc, Alderson, Bus

**Nay:** None

5-0 Vote, 0 Absent, Motion carried.

**11. 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

None.

**12. Other Business**

Al Watts, Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley, addressed the HPC. He reported that the City of Elgin might be considering de-landmarking their national watch historic district. The majority of the houses in that district are rentals and the thought is if they are de-landmarked than the houses would be upgraded with vinyl.

Watts announced that he is working on educational programs for residents and City Government officials. Watts stated that he would be looking for financial support to bring these programs to fruition.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Bus asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm; Made by Barraza, seconded by Saam. All were in favor. Motion carried.