

MINUTES
August 9, 2021
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

Vice-Chair Bus called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Vice-Chair Bus; Commissioners Barraza, Hagemann and Saam

Members Absent: Commissioner Lombardo

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

3. Approval of Minutes: July 12, 2021 and July 26, 2021

Motion: To approve the minutes from July 12, 2021 and July 26, 2021

Maker: Saam

Second: Hagemann

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Saam, Bus, Barraza, Hagemann

Nay:

4-0 Vote, 1 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 in attendance.

6. COA Review: 155 Houston Street – Roof Replacement (Williams Architects, applicant)

Joe Humann, Williams Architects, and Josh Wyant, Batavia Park District Director of Facilities, addressed the Historic Preservation Commission. They discussed the roof replacement for 155 Houston Street. Pictures were shown to the Commission of the currently aged shingles with granules missing. The applicant proposed to use the brand Woodland in the color Castlewood Grey to match as close to the current color of the roof. Roofing material samples were shown to the HPC. Images of the roof were shown to the Commission and the applicant discussed the installation of Anchor-Tite Drip Edge in Matte Black on the edges of the roof. The applicant discussed installing PVC on the roofing and parapet. The PVC Clad metal would be in the colors Slate and Lead Grey.

This building was built in 1854-1855 and moved in 1973 from VanBuren and Webster to its current location by the Depot Pond. The consensus of the Commission was in favor of the colors and proposed materials.

Motion: To approve the COA as presented
Maker: Hagemann
Second: Saam
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Hagemann, Saam, Bus, Barraza
Nay:
4-0 Vote, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

7. COA Review: 18 East Wilson Street – Wall Signage (Integrity Sign Company, applicant)

The HPC reviewed the proposed signage for the Old State Bank Building. They viewed the document titled “Comedy Vault Reverse Lit Channel Letters” that illustrated the proposed signage and color. The sign has individual letters in Batavia Bulldog colors. The lighting is halo lighting similar to another sign approved in the downtown area.

The Commission discussed the importance of having this building utilized and preserved. The HPC discussed how the sign is not front facing and the different angle of the sign makes the business visible. Hagemann stated that he would accept this type of signage for the benefit of the business. The Commission discussed the colors of the sign. The applicant stated that the red color would be visible during the day and the yellow backlight would make the sign visible at night.

Motion: To approve the COA as presented
Maker: Hagemann
Second: Saam
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Hagemann, Saam, Bus, Barraza
Nay:
4-0 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. 227 West Wilson Street – Historic Inspection**
- 5. 16 East Wilson Street – Historic Inspection**

9. Other Business

Albertson showed the Commission a rendering of a lifeline railing system over the Police garage. Albertson shared that at the July 26th meeting, where there was no quorum, Scott Haines discussed a proposed lifeline system for railing or screening around the three units on the garage roof. Haines noted then that the railing system would be the most cost effective. Bus stated that a railing system would be best for maintenance and weather conditions, such as wind. Albertson asked the Commission if they agree with painting the railing system to match the roof or if they would prefer a safety yellow color. The general consensus of the Commission was in favor of painting the railing system the same as the roof.

Albertson asked if the Commission would prefer in person or remote meetings. He explained that Hybrid meetings, where some attend remotely and some on-site, are not possible because that would require a BATV feed and camera, which the Commission does not have access to. The general consensus of the Commission was to meet in person.

10. Adjournment

There being no quorum, Vice-Chair Bus asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02pm; Made by Hagemann; Seconded by Saam. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary, on August 10, 2021.