

ILLINOIS NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Illinois State Historic Preservation Office -- Department of Natural Resources
Springfield, Illinois Virtual Webex Meeting, June 27, 2025

Presiding: Devin Hunter, Vice Chair

Council Members Present:

Kandalyn Hahn	Lauren Thompson
Vicki Granacki	Rachel Hitzmann
Chelsea Baughman	Rachel Barnhart

Non-Voting Council Members Present: None

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Heckenkamp	Anna Margaret Barris
Amy Hathaway	Rita Baker
Carey Mayer	

Guests:

Lara Ramsey	David Wu
Marcy Prchal	Jeanne Sylvester
Susan Benjamin	Rob Srygler
Linda Srygler	Jacob Newton
Michelle Sirles	Timothy Wymes
Anne Castagna	Kendra Parzen
Jack Callahan	Benny Marcier

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. Roll was taken. Susan Kooiman and Charles Pipal were absent.

CHAIR REPORT

Vice-Chair Hunter welcomed everyone to the council meeting and went over the procedures for the day.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved as submitted.

STAFF REPORT

Mayer gave the staff report.

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LISTINGS

On Leong Merchants Association Building, Chicago

Lara Ramsey gave the presentation. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. David Wu, the Executive Director of the Pui Tak Center spoke on behalf of the nomination. Granacki said it was an excellent nomination and concurred that the property was nationally significant. Hunter inquired about the use of two towers. Ramsey was

unsure if it was influenced by the 1893 Columbian Exposition Chinese Village building or if it was an aesthetic choice. Barnhart asked Ramsey what she thought were the most distinctive characteristics of the building. Ramsey replied that it was rare to see a On Leong Merchants Association building that was purpose-built. She also commented on the use of terra cotta.

Motion to recommend was made by Granacki and seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.

Rendleman Orchards, Alto Pass

Marcy Prchal gave the presentation. Granacki wanted more information on the orchards and their characteristics. She suggested that they be clearly delineated on a map. She also thought they should be contributing. Barnhart suggested making the farm a contributing site. She echoed Granacki's recommendation for more detailed maps. Both Barnhart and Hunter believed that a brief history of the migrant program was warranted. Hunter also asked whether the Native American context could be expanded.

Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Thompson and seconded by Hitzmann. Motion carried.

Charles and Emma Brodt House, Chicago

Jeanne Sylvester gave the presentation. Granacki believed that the property was exquisite and worthy of designation but did not think it resembled a foursquare. Her recommendation was to nominate it for Queen Anne architecture and eliminate reference to the foursquare building type. General discussion ensued about the lot size and the neighborhood. Hunter asked whether the Sanborn map could be included in the nomination. Barnhart added that other maps of the subdivision would also benefit the nomination. Barnhart noted the workmanship and suggested that the property be considered for its high artistic value.

Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Hahn and seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.

President John Williston Cook Mansion, DeKalb

Rob & Linda Srygler gave the presentation. Granacki asked whether the Scammozi capital could be defined and suggested consistency with the use of carriage or coach house. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Granacki and seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.

Watseka Downtown Historic District, Watseka

Jacob Newton gave the presentation. Granacki asked about metal cladding and parking lots in regards to contributing and noncontributing status. Heckenkamp explained the NPS NR commendations regarding these resources. Granacki requested that dates of alteration be included for buildings that were significantly modified after they were built. Barnhart discovered that a property had since been demolished and that the nomination be updated to reflect that change. Barnhart questioned the areas of significance and asked whether commerce was considered. Heckenkamp explained the rationale for excluding commerce and including transportation. Barnhart recommended that the historic photographs from the presentation be included in the nomination. Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Thompson and seconded by Baughman. Motion carried.

Dr. Thomas Hall's Office, Toulon

Hathaway gave the presentation. Granacki noted a discrepancy in the building measurements. Hathaway said she would verify which was right and make the correction. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Granacki and seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Springfield, October 24, 2025

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