

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Illinois State Historic Preservation Office -- Department of Natural Resources
VIRTUAL

June 28, 2024

Presiding: Janine Farrell, Chair

Council Members Present:

Susan Kooiman	Rebecca Graff
Chelsea Baughman	Lauren Thompson
Vicki Granacki	Pamela Lange
Susan Trexler	Charles Pipal
Devin Hunter	Rachel Hitzemann

Non-Voting Council Members Present: Jenn Edgington; Christina Shutt

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Heckenkamp	Carey Mayer
Amy Hathaway	Tolu Omulusi
Rita Baker	

Guests:

Ursula Minter	Crystal Rollins
Felix Vallejo	David Dodson
Jenna Finwall Ryan	Don Patton
John Cramer	Edward Peck
Emily Ramsey	Erik Lintvedt
Erica Ruggiero	Dan Fitzpatrick
Elizabeth Blasius	Jonathan Solomon
Aaron Burnett	Rachel Ensor
Nate (nilelasus@gmail.com)	Scott Mehaffey

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. Roll was taken. Michael Bortel was not present.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Farrell welcomed everyone to the council meeting and went over the procedures for the day. Farrell requested a nomination for Vice Chair. Baughman nominated Hunter. Thompson seconded. Motion approved.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved as submitted. Granacki noted corrections. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Granacki.

STAFF REPORT

Mayer and Heckenkamp gave the staff report, which included legislative changes regarding IHSAC's name change and number of members.

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LISTINGS

Rockwell House - Olympia Fields, Cook County

Jenna Finwall Ryan gave the presentation. Granacki commended Ryan on the nomination and asked about other comparable properties in the neighborhood. Ryan mentioned that there was only one other modernist house. There were more similar properties in another subdivision that were mentioned in the nomination. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Pipal and seconded by Granacki. Motion carried.

Skelly Gas Station - Moline, Rock Island County

Hathaway gave the presentation. The owner (Vallejo) spoke on behalf of the property and added that the station was locally landmarked by the City of Moline. It is now a community center. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. The nomination was supported by the local historic preservation commission and both the mayor and city council passed a resolution to support the property's listing in the National Register. Motion to recommend was made by Granacki and seconded by Kooiman.

Hahn mentioned that she had nominated a similar station in New York and thanked Vallejo for his efforts. Granacki brought up the cottage style service station in the Wrigley Field neighborhood. Hathaway mentioned that this is a very identifiable type but it is also disappearing. Farrell was intrigued by the typology and happy to see the local context that was provided in the nomination.

Motion carried.

Royalton Hotel - Chicago, Cook County

John Cramer gave the presentation. Bortel entered the meeting during the presentation. Granacki asked about the references made to the Green Book in the nomination and whether anyone had looked into this connection in other Chicago hotels. Hathaway explained that the property was originally nominated under a proposed multi-state Multiple Property Document on Green Book hotels and Route 66. The MPD was not completed, so the references made in this nomination in the event that the MPD was never completed. Granacki offered that this was more of a placeholder. Hunter asked about the diversity of the neighborhood and how it has changed over time. Cramer offered that, to his knowledge the hotel was not officially segregated but not inviting Black travelers to the neighborhood, but by the 1950s, that had changed.

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

Werner Bros. Warehouse #6, Chicago, Cook County

John Cramer gave the presentation. Granacki wanted to say that the nomination was very well organized and she was interested in reading about this typology.

Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Pipal and seconded by Granacki. Motion carried.

Garfield School - Decatur, Macon County

John Cramer gave the presentation. Farrell had questions about the significant dates listed outside of the period of significance. Heckenkamp and Cramer explained the dates will be corrected. Granacki asked about Progressive Era schools and whether there were other types of schools after 1930? Cramer explained that after the 1930s it became more of a modern aesthetic.

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

Masonic Lodge - Murphysboro, Jackson County

Rachel Malcolm Ensor gave the presentation. Granacki asked about architectural comparisons mentioned in the nomination and thought it would be helpful if the nomination included photographs of those.

Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Lange and seconded by Hitzemann. Farrell would have liked to have had more context on the architect. Motion carried.

Ward Chapel - Cairo, Alexander County

Elizabeth Blasius gave the presentation. Hunter asked whether Blasius came across any other ties between photographer Danny Lyons and the church. Blasius responded that she spoke to Mr. Lyon directly and he directed her to the photographs used in the nomination. Granacki noted the criteria referenced Architecture, not Social History for significance. Blasius will make the correction.

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

US Housing Corp. Historic District - Rock Island, Rock Island County

Erica Ruggiero gave the presentation. Granacki had a technical question, then asked about the serpentine building setbacks in the district. Ruggiero explained that it is more apparent from aerial views.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM. NEXT MEETING: In Springfield, October 25, 2024.