

January 27, 2021

CJ Wallace
Regulatory Review & Compliance Manager
Illinois State Historic Preservation Office
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
1 Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Subject: Emergency Demolition at 1206 17th Street, SHPO Log #010102521

Dear Ms. Wallace,

The City of Rock Island submitted a request for Section 106 consultation in regards to a proposed undertaking at 1206 17th Street, Rock Island, IL on October 20, 2021. In the request, the City determined the Area of Potential Effect as the boundary of the subject property and that the subject property, despite being listed as a contributing building in a National Register district, no longer retained historic integrity due to historically insensitive cladding. As such, the City argued that no historic properties would be affected by the undertaking. However, the SHPO responded to the request in a letter dated January 18, 2022 that they disagreed and that the undertaking would constitute an adverse effect to a historic property. Therefore, mitigation is required.

The undertaking is the demolition of a house that has been determined structurally unsound and a threat to public safety. The house has been vacant since 2009. All utilities are disconnected. There are multiple holes in the roof exposing the interior of the building to the elements. The foundation has deteriorated and begun to collapse. As Interim Building Official, I have declared this a dangerous building, am prohibiting access to the interior of the building, and am now requesting that the SHPO allow the project to proceed on the grounds that an emergency exists. The City will continue to work with the SHPO to mitigate the adverse effects of this undertaking through a recordation of the property. This recordation will be done to SHPO's specifications. The City will wait for further guidance. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tim DeLathower,
Interim Building Official