

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Illinois State Historic Preservation Office -- Department of Natural Resources
WebEx Virtual Meeting

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February 26, 2021

Presiding: Meg Kindelin, Chair

Council Members Present:

Curtis Mann	Erica Ruggiero
Taylor Long	Jenny Barker-Devine
Erin Benson	Pam Hein
Christopher Stratton	Christopher Fye
Norm Moline	Michael Smith
Kayeleigh Sharp	Kelly Purvis
Lisa Napoles	

Non-Voting Council Members Present:

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Heckenkamp
Amy Hathaway
Justin Smock

Guests:

Ashley Sarver	Valerie Olafson
Kurt Bell	

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:32 A.M. Roll was taken. Purvis was absent.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Kindelin welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and asked members to introduce themselves. Kindelin asked if there was a motion to nominate a Vice Chair. Stratton nominated Ruggiero. Pam Hein seconded. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT

Andrew introduced himself along with Amy Hathaway and Justin Smock. Justin is a UIS Public History MA student interning with National Register Program. Also, updated Council on the next generation of HARGIS which is expected to launch in the coming weeks.

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LISTINGS

Witwer House

Justin Smock gave the presentation. Ruggiero said Downing, not Davis, wrote pattern books featuring Gothic Revival architecture and asked whether there were any local examples of Gothic Revival that could be included as comparisons. Stratton said to use “studs” as opposed to “stringers” in the discussion of balloon-frame construction. Blasius had questions about balloon-framing and brick cladding and asked for information about Milwaukee brick. Bell, the owner, provided a definition. Moline recommended corrections to the section on the history of Rockford regarding the references to the Winnebago Tribe -- now known by their ancestral name Ho-Chunk, and the Black Hawk War, which should be referred to as the Indian Removal Act, so called the Black Hawk War in 1832.

Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. The property is in a CLG and the mayor and the HPC sent letters of support. Motion to recommend was made by Stratton and seconded by Napoles. Motion carried.

Shabbona Hotel

Amy Hathaway gave the presentation. Benson had questions regarding the 1919 fire and the damage that was done. Hathaway was not sure but noted the much of the trim was intact and appeared to be original. Moline made recommendations to expand upon the importance of these small-town hotels in general. Moline also noted that the automobile had a big impact on the industry and Shabbona Hotel was on U.S. Route 30, which was a very important road. Moline offered to provide more context for these areas.

Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Fye and seconded by Barker-Devine. Motion carried.

Hobbs Building

Valerie Olafson gave the presentation. Stratton requested that the nomination be include more information regarding the past businesses that occupied the building and the use of the floors through time. Discussion followed.

Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. Motion to recommend (with additional information added) was made by Mann and seconded by Hein. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 A.M. NEXT MEETING: June 25th on WebEx.