

Edwardsville Historic Preservation Commission

Approve Date: 05.13.20

Signature: 

March Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Council Chambers, City of Edwardsville City Hall, 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Tom May called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

II. ROLL CALL (present)

Present: Brandon Adair, Ryan Downey, Joe Hutton, Stephanie Lantz, Tom May, Bob Nickrent, Reggie Resper, Kerry Smith and Jennifer Plocher Wilkins
(Excused absence: John Hackett)

III. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS HPC: none

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT: Evelyn Schaake, wife of Don Schaake, has passed away. Chairman Tom May remembered her life of service and her generous outreach to the community.

V. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

a. COA #1: 1001 St. Louis Street (within St. Louis Street Historic District)

Property Owner: Stephanie Malench

Projects: 1) Demo of non-historic garage, 2) Driveway extension on side – no curb cut (on Elm Street), 3) Trex (composite) deck

Moved by Bob Nickrent and seconded by Brandon Adair to accept COA #1 for discussion.

Reggie Resper made motion to approve, Joe Hutton seconded.

Roll call vote: Brandon Adair yes, Ryan Downey yes, Joe Hutton yes, Stephanie Lantz yes, Bob Nickrent yes, Reggie Resper yes, Kerry Smith yes, Jennifer Plocher Wilkins yes, Tom May yes. Unanimous approval (9-0) to approve COA #1.

b. COA #2: 230 N. Kansas Street (within Downtown Historic District)

Property Owner: Brian Pezza

Project: Backyard fence. Owner would like a privacy fence, beginning behind the carport and wrapping around the back yard and over to the other side of the house. Question of how to interpret whether a portion of the fence is on the sides or in the front yard.

Joe Hutton made motion to accept for discussion, Bob Nickrent seconded.

Joe Hutton made motion, Ryan Downey seconded to approve COA #2.

Roll call vote: unanimous (9-0) in favor of approving COA #2.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF HPC MEETING IN FEBRUARY

HPC board members present, with a voice vote, unanimously (9-0) approved the February 12, 2020 minutes of Edwardsville HPC meeting as submitted.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT: none

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE: Route 66 correspondence. Saturday, June 13th is the one-day Route 66 Festival. We need a few HPC members to staff a table and perhaps to narrate a bus tour.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS: Tom May and Cindy Reinhart spent two hours cleaning out the HPC closet in the Public Works building and Tom May will donate a number of documents to the Madison County Historical Society on HPC's behalf.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Attaboy Letters
- b. Historic Districts and Landmarks Updates
 - 1. Stephenson House
 - 2. Brick Streets
 - 3. Downtown
 - 4. Leclaire
 - 5. St. Louis Street

XI. OLD BUSINESS: none

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Evaluation of Architectural Resources – Downtown Historic District:** Tom May and Kerry Smith attended the ACS meeting on behalf of HPC. One of the most interesting things about this report's findings: Of the 100-plus buildings on North Main, about two-thirds are contributing buildings. Each HPC member received a copy of the report as a resource to keep and use when future issues come up specific to demolition, etc. A final version of the document will be made available soon. Design standards for North Main are still being developed and should go before City Council in Q4 2020.
- b. **Governors' Plaques/Bios/Exhibits –** The plaques are done. Waiting on engraved plaques for the three benches. Date of dedication is still undetermined. It will be at noon on a Thursday in April or May so Rotary can be part of the event.

- c. **Nickel Plate Station** – Jennifer Plocher Wilkins asked why HPC wasn't in the loop with the Nickel Plate Station's moving and issues specific to its new location. It's a landmark structure, so HPC should have been in the loop because it's relevant. This should be conveyed to Public Works. The city needs to follow the same approval process as City of Edwardsville citizens and businesses are required to do, she noted. Reggie Resper, who also serves on the Depot board, reported that City Councilman S.J. Morrison said it was an oversight on the Depot board's part not to have competed and submitted a COA.
- d. **Nominees for Award Winners** –
 - COMMERCIAL:** 1) The Lodge @ 231 N. Main Street 2) Trailhead Church Building @ 131 Hillsboro Avenue. HPC members agreed that we should have 2 commercial building categories, big and small.
 - RESIDENTIAL:** 935 Hale Avenue (subject to HPC's verification that windows are original) Award will be given to the property, but we'll also invite the people who performed the work.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next HPC Meeting is Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Chairman Tom May adjourned the March 11, 2020 meeting at 8:13pm.

Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted 3/12/2020 by Kerry Smith, HPC Secretary