

CITY OF OTTAWA

301 West Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350



OTTAWA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (OHPC) October 27, 2020 Minutes

Present: Chris Hasty, Earle Lecki, Lorraine McCallister, Mollie Perrot, Paul Havelka
Tami Koppen (staff)

Via conference call: Farley Andrews, Bob Eschbach, George Cary

Absent: David Rabideau

Guests: Mike Godfrey, Gene Anderson, Doug Beckman

Public Comment. No comments

Minutes.

Moved by Paul Havelka that the minutes for OHPC meeting held on September 10, 2020 be approved. Second by Earle Lecki. All ayes. Motion passed.

Demolition of 108 W. Madison Street, owned by Thomas Godfrey Sub-trust.

Mike Godfrey presented to the commission. Since coming back into town he's helped his father take care of buildings around town. He's identified buildings or priorities, this building on the bottom of the list. The building was damaged from Little City demolition. Last year floor collapsed into the building. Don't have the resources to bring back to life. Informed Chad Lucas, CL Real Estate and neighbors (Design & Signs) that the building was for sale. CL expressed interest to expand the footprint of their building. Received demolition quotes from Grand Rapids and Stott. According to the contractor the building has two separate walls, not a common wall.

Doug Beckman – spent \$55,000 on a new brick wall after the Green Mill was demolished.

Gene Anderson – no surprises

Paul – would like a plan and timeline from CL

Earle – structural engineer needs to review what is there and come up with recommendations on how demolition should be done.

Bob – ordinance states delay or recommend. To me best for the building to be demolished. Concerned with impact on adjacent building.

George – our opinion of demolition should be on the merits of Historic Preservation. All buildings taken down since 1960 not one has been replaced.

Mike suggested City contact CL with timeframe.

Commission agreed to table request until a meeting is held with Mike Godfrey, CL Enterprise and City.

Moved by Paul Havelka that the request to demolish 108 W. Madison Street be continued. Second by Earle Lecki. All ayes. Motion passed.

Colonnade.

No updates

Caton Telegraph Sign.

No update

Shabbona Sign.

Farley has a sign estimate, he will forward to the commission.

Brick Streets.

Commission discussed brick street report.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami L. Koppen