

CITY OF OTTAWA

301 West Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350



OTTAWA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (OHPC) December 10, 2020 Minutes

Present: Chris Hasty, David Rabideau, Earle Lecki, Mollie Perrot,
Tami Koppen (staff)

Via conference call: Lorraine McCallister, Bob Eschbach, George Cary

Absent: Farley Andrews, Paul Havelka

Guests: Mike Godfrey, Doug Beckman, Gene Anderson (via conference call)

Public Comment. No comments

Minutes.

Moved by Earle Lecki that the minutes for OHPC meeting held on October 27, 2020 be approved. Second by Chris Hasty. All ayes. Motion passed.

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

Mike Godfrey reported he passed along demolition quotes to Nathan Watson, CL Enterprise. CL also sought additional quotes. On Monday CL offered two purchasing options. Option #1 Trust will have the cost of demolition. Option #2 CL purchase, then they would demolition. Mike said it's not a money maker, hoping to break even. Mike emailed Mat Stafford to determine costs involved. Concerned with injuring neighboring property. Will check if insurance would cover costs of any damage.

Mollie – was a structural engineer's report done, per Earle's statement at October's meeting?

Mike - no

George – structural issues?

Mike - water from the Green mill fire and major damage from Little City demolition, pounding on the roof.

George – will it fall down? Need a report. Need a structural report and need a project to replace. Otherwise we don't know if needs to be removed. If CL bought the property and produced a project, that would be more acceptable.

Bob suggested a motion to deny, stating reasons why.

Mike stated he will go back to CL, either present a plan and/or contact.

According to the ordinance the commission can delay the recommendation for a period of up to 90 days. Mike Godfrey agreed to waive the 90 day requirement in order to keep the discussion moving forward.

Moved by Bob Eschbach 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.

No update

Brick Streets.

Bob reported he spoke with Tom Duttlinger, it would be good if someone from the city would go along on the street inspection. Tom suggested Dan Bittner. Tom also noted the city has some bricks in storage. Committee agreed to waiting until April for inspection.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami L. Koppen