

CITY OF OTTAWA

301 West Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350



OTTAWA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (OHPC)

December 9, 2021 Minutes

Present: George Cary, Bob Eschbach, Chris Hasty, Paul Havelka, Earle Lecki,
Lorraine McCallister, Mollie Perrot, David Rabideau, Chuck Stanley
Tami Koppen (staff)

Absent: None

Public Comment. No comments

Minutes. Moved by Chuck Stanley that the minutes for OHPC meeting held on October 14, 2021, be approved. Second by Lorraine McCallister. All ayes. Motion passed.

119 W. Madison St, LaSalle County Courthouse COA.

Kurt Rimmele from BCA Architects presented the project. Courthouse is the only facility that doesn't have a generator. Several years ago, a generator on a semi-trailer was discussed but the city opposed the idea.

Courthouse reporters work remotely, and its important connection is not interrupted. Also, police have a direct link to court documents. In the last five years process has changed, can't do business if the power is out. Lost a \$40,000 server because of a jolt in the system. Project proposed by Circuit Clerk Greg Vaccaro and Chief Judge. Generator would be for the whole building because of current wiring.

Four different generator products, each has its own shape and size. They went out to bid so they could see the product and confirm sizes.

Generator would use diesel fuel. 24 hours of fuel. Exhaust out the top. Natural gas equipment could be an eye sore too.

if project moves forward then Ameren needs to relocate services. Working on this for thirty years. There are three overhead transformers. Now different requirements. Four-man crew to work on an outage in the current situation. They don't do vaults anymore, cost, utilities and not safe. Proposed clearances for Ameren boxes. Transformer: door 12' and 4' all the way around. Switch: 12' doors open and south

Lorraine-Can Ameren and generator be proposed separately? Significant economic on scope to do it jointly. How many power outages? Four within fifty days. Three were over a weekend.

Chuck-historic accurate fence

George-solved engineer project but not aesthetics. How is this issue going to be addressed? Need creative ideas to screen.

Discussion about relocating to parking spaces. Commission liked this idea. County has eight parking spaces reserved. Snow cannot be pushed up against, need ballards.

Moved by Bob Eschbach that the request be tabled. Second by Paul Havelka. All ayes. Motion passed.

Street Light Banners. Mollie presented an example banner from a community her and Chris visited. The banner honored veterans. Tami stated Commissioner Marla Pearson already expressed interest in a veteran banner and it was moving forward.

Colonnade. No update.

Brick Streets. No update.

State Historical Society Grant. Commission discussed different locations, either Washington Park or city property adjacent to the courthouse. The County Bar Association will donate \$1500 toward the project.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tami L. Koppen