

CITY OF OTTAWA

301 West Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350



OTTAWA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (OHPC)

March 10, 2022 Minutes

Present: Bob Eschbach, Paul Havelka, Earle Lecki, Lorraine McCallister, Mollie Perrot,
David Rabideau

Tami Koppen (staff)

Absent: George Cary, Chris Hasty, Chuck Stanley

Public Comment. No comments

Minutes. Moved by Paul Havelka that the minutes for OHPC meeting held on December 9, 2021, be approved. Second by Earle Lecki. All ayes. Motion passed.

119 W. Madison St, LaSalle County Courthouse COA.

Don Jensen, LaSalle County Board Chairman gave commission members a letter, site plan and conceptual color drawings showing generator, electrical, Ameren and landscaping.

Don stated in the recent power outage an individual was trapped in the elevator. Called upon the Fire Department to rescue the individual. Also, closed the Court House down causing a disruption in court system.

Generator will be insulated for sound.

Vinyl wrap will have same appearance as the building.

Paul – is the street was an option? Tami stated the city does not prefer that option.

Tami read an email from George Cary, member who could not attend the meeting.

1. The drawings provided are insufficient to show the entire installation. I don't think most of the equipment is going to be screened by the trees.
2. I think the vinyl wrap is a cheap solution that will come off as a fake. It will be like plastic flowers at a funeral.
3. This installation should be underground in this location. This is the biggest monstrosity I've seen proposed in our downtown. I don't know if we can affect the result, but we certainly don't have to provide our support by providing a Certificate of Appropriateness. This is in no way appropriate.

Lorraine – type of trees? Don - plan shows arborvitae.

Bob – what do the dashes represent on the drawing? Greg Vaccaro, Circuit Clerk- required clearance for equipment.

Dave- size of the generator. Greg-largest of the three they are looking at is 20'x8'x8.5' tall.

Moved by Paul Havelka that the Certificate of Appropriateness be approved. No second, motion dies.

Moved by Bob Eschbach that the proposal is not appropriate. Second by Paul Havelka. All ayes. Motion passed.

Colonnade. Earle reported solar power could be installed in April. Need to coordinate with Tim Aussem, Electrical Inspector.

Brick Streets. No update.

State Historical Society Grant. LaSalle County granted permission for the sign to be located on Court House property.

New Business.

Budget.

Commission discussed the following items for next year's budget:

- Interpretive signage for Canal
- Restoration of lock
- Southside residential building survey for next CLG Grant
- Colonnade construction

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tami L. Koppen