

CITY OF OTTAWA

301 West Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350



OTTAWA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (OHPC) September 12, 2024 Minutes

Present: Bob Eschbach, George Cary, Chuck Stanley, Lorraine McCallister
Mollie Perrot, Rich Mennecke, Tami Koppen (staff)

Absent: Chris Hasty, Earle Lecki, Paul Havelka

Public Comment. No comments

Minutes. Moved by Bob Eschbach that the minutes for OHPC meeting held on August 15, 2024 be approved. Second by Lorraine McCallister. All ayes. Motion passed.

Certificate of Appropriateness 317-319 Congress Street. Joshua Liddle, the homeowner, spoke on behalf of the project. His parents live in the adjacent unit, and he purchase the home in October of 2023. The porch needed railings and reinforcement, so he decided to enclose the porch. He planned to paint the enclosure white, matching the home, but stopped after receiving a stop work order. He was unaware that a permit was needed or that he was in a historic district.

Chuck noted that the porch windows differ from the upper windows. Joshua explained that he opted for smaller windows because he has a small toddler and wanted to avoid full length windows.

George noted that the house siding is not original.

Moved by George Cary that the certificate of appropriateness with the condition that the porch be painted the same color as the home. Second by Bob Eschbach. 5-ayes, 1-nay (Chuck) Motion passed.

Ernest Hemingway sign. Chuck reported that the sign is delayed.

Signage for landmarks and/or significant homes. The Commission discussed signage options for downtown sch as window stickers and brass plaques along with mapping.

South Bluff. No update.

Round Horse Fountain. Rich looked at the fountain.

Promoting/Educating Historic Preservation Resources. Landmark Illinois has a list of contractors that could be shared. Also, discussed educating new homeowners within the East side Historic District by reaching out to realtors.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tami L. Koppen